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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 610785 §
Issued to PATRICIA ONYEMA OTALOR, §
PETITIONER for Exception §

ORDER GRANTING MODIFICATION

An Agreed Order of the Board was entered on July 22, 2021, for PATRICIA ONYEMA OTALOR, Registered Nurse License Number 610785, hereinafter referred to as PETITIONER. PETITIONER filed a Request for Exception to the Agreed Order on November 30, 2021.

A public meeting of the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee of the Board, hereinafter referred to as the Committee, was held on March 8, 2022, at 333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 100, Austin, Texas, to consider the Petition for Exception and supporting documents filed by PETITIONER.

PETITIONER appeared in person.

Board Members in attendance were: Kathy Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP; Mazie Mathews Jamison, BA, MA; and Kimberly Wright, LVN.

After review and due consideration of the file petition, the Committee voted to **GRANT MODIFICATION** of the July 22, 2021, Agreed Order.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Petitioner is required to comply with and complete all of the requirements of the July 22, 2021, Agreed Order, except that Stipulation(s) Number V, Subsections C, D and E is/are modified as follows:

C. Direct Supervision: For the first year [four (4) quarters] of employment as a Nurse under this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be directly supervised by a physician or

Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Registered Nurse, or by a physician, Licensed Vocational Nurse, or Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Licensed Vocational Nurse.

Direct supervision requires a physician or nurse, as applicable, to be working **on the same unit as RESPONDENT and immediately available to provide assistance and intervention.**

RESPONDENT SHALL work only on regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s).

The RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

D. Indirect Supervision: For the remainder of the stipulation/probation period, RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a physician or Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Registered Nurse, or by a physician, Licensed Vocational Nurse, or Registered Nurse, if licensed and practicing as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, **who is on the premises.** The supervising physician or nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT, but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising physician or nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar setting to which the RESPONDENT is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined units(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

E. Nursing Performance Evaluations: While under the remaining terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the RESPONDENT by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice

nursing. These reports shall be completed by the physician or nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising physician or nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for the remaining period of the July 22, 2021, Order.

All other terms and conditions of the July 22, 2021, Agreed Order remain unchanged and Petitioner is responsible for complying with those terms as written.

Entered this 8th day of March, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katherine A. Thomas". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf of said Board