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Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Executive Director
Texas Board of Nursing

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
FRANCES EGO ONUOHA,
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License
Number AP117433,
Registered Nurse License Number 728821
& PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure

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AGREED ORDER
FOR ELIGIBILITY &
DISCIPLINE

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433, Registered Nurse License Number 728821, and the Application for Licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority, which has been processed as a Petition for Declaratory Order, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §221.4(a)(7), and supporting documents filed by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner, requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §221.4(a), together with any documents and information gathered by staff and Petitioner's Certification contained herein.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Petitioner may be ineligible for licensure pursuant to Sections 301.452(b)(8) and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order approved by Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN, Executive Director, on January 15, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about August 4, 2025, Petitioner submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure.
2. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles, California, on January 7, 1995. Petitioner completed a Family Nurse

Practitioner Program from University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa, California, on January 22, 2005. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 12, 2006. Petitioner was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on October 27, 2008.

3. On or about July 18, 2013, Petitioner was issued the sanction of Reprimand with Stipulations through an Agreed Order of the Board. On or about October 15, 2015, Petitioner successfully completed the terms of the Agreed Order. A copy of the July 18, 2013, Agreed Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline.
4. On or about August 25, 2014, Petitioner was issued a Decision and Order by the Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California accepting the Voluntary Surrender of her Registered Nurse License. A copy of the August 25, 2014, Decision and Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline.
5. On or about May 17, 2016, Petitioner was issued an Order of Temporary Suspension by the Texas Board of Nursing. A copy of the May 17, 2016, Order of Temporary Suspension is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline.
6. On or about May 9, 2017, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's license(s) to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 and for Registered Nurse License Number 728821 the sanction of Suspended with the suspension stayed and Petitioner's Registered Nurse License Number 728821 was placed on probation for a period of two years in the State of Texas through an Agreed Order of the Board. A copy of the May 9, 2017, Agreed Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline .
7. On or about August 18, 2020, Petitioner's license(s) to practice as an Advance Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 in the State of Texas were Reinstated and placed in Limited status with no controlled substances prescribing permitted through a Reinstatement Agreed Order. A copy of the August 18, 2020, Reinstatement Agreed Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline .
8. On or about January 19, 2023, Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas were Reinstated through a Reinstatement Agreed Order of the Board. A copy of the January 19, 2023, Reinstatement Agreed Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order for Eligibility and Discipline .

9. On January 17, 2024, Petitioner satisfied all terms and conditions as set forth in the Reinstatement Agreed Order issued on January 19, 2023, by the Texas State Board of Nursing
10. Petitioner submitted an APRN Additional Population Focus Application Form to the Texas Board of Nursing and answered "Yes" to the following question: *"Have you ever had any disciplinary action on a nursing license or a privilege to practice in any state, country, or province?"*
11. After considering the action taken by the Board of Nursing, along with Petitioner's subsequent conduct, the Executive Director is satisfied that Petitioner should be able to meet the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
12. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for licensure.
13. The Executive Director's review of the grounds for potential ineligibility has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.
14. Petitioner has been advised by the Board that any information found to be incomplete, incorrect or misleading to the Board or a subsequent discovery of a basis of ineligibility will be considered by the Board and may result in an ultimate determination of ineligibility or the later revocation of a license obtained through fraud or deceit.
15. Petitioner shall immediately notify the Board of any fact or event that could constitute a ground of ineligibility for licensure under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. On or about August 4, 2025, Petitioner submitted the Petition requesting a determination of eligibility for licensure in compliance with Section 301.257, Texas Occupations Code, and the Board's Rules at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §221.4(a).
3. Petitioner's history reflects conduct which may constitute grounds for denial of a license under Section 301.452(b)(8), Texas Occupations Code.
4. The Board may probate the denial of a license under conditions for a specified term pursuant to Section 301.453, Texas Occupations Code.

5. The Board may license an individual upon evaluation of the factors in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, if the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
6. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
7. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. ELIGIBILITY FOR LICENSURE AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that the PETITION for licensure as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Prescriptive Authority is hereby **GRANTED**, and upon payment of any required fees and meeting all other applicable requirements, PETITIONER SHALL be issued the applicable license to practice as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) in the State of Texas in accordance with the terms of this Order, and:

- A. Until successfully completed, any and all licenses issued to Petitioner shall be subject to the terms of this Order.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- C. Until successfully completed, PETITIONER may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- D. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

III. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies:** PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

- B. **Notification of Employment Forms:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. **Monitored Practice:** PETITIONER'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as PETITIONER who has been approved by the Board. PETITIONER MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of PETITIONER'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the PETITIONER as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. PETITIONER SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.
- D. **Nursing Performance Reports:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the PETITIONER and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

IV. **RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)**

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas

Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I am the Petitioner in this matter. I have fully and truthfully disclosed all of my past conduct which could constitute grounds for licensure ineligibility, and I have caused a complete and accurate criminal history to be submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing from each jurisdiction in which I have been adjudged guilty by way of conviction or deferred order. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my application/petition, has been in conformity with the Board's character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past conduct in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of conviction, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

In connection with my application, I acknowledge that I have read and I understand Sections 301.157(d), 301.252, 301.253, 301.257, 301.258, 301.260, 301.452, and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code, and Chapter 53, Section 53.001 *et seq.*, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§213.27, 213.28, 213.29, and 213.30. I agree with all terms of this Order, including the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any stipulations as set out in this Order. I acknowledge that this Order is stipulated and I understand that I am not eligible to receive a Temporary Permit to practice nursing. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to accepting any license from the Texas Board of Nursing.

I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including REVOCATION of my license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

I understand that I can be represented by an attorney in this matter. I waive representation by counsel, notice, administrative hearing, and judicial review of this Order and request that the Texas Board of Nursing ratify this Order.

Signed this 14 day of March, 2026

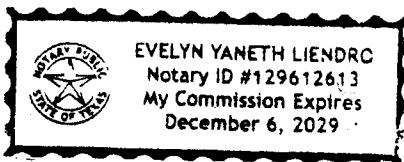
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FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of March, 2026.

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Notary Public in and for the State of TX



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 14th day of March, 2026, by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, Registered Nurse License Number 728821 & PETITIONER for Eligibility for Licensure, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 23rd day of April, 2026.

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1996 - 6/2006	School Nurse	LA Unified School District Los Angeles, CA
10/1994 - 8/2006	Charge Nurse	Brotman Medical Center Culver, CA
9/2006 - 10/2007	Staff Nurse	Twelve Oaks Hospital Houston, Texas
4/2007 - 11/2009	Staff Nurse	Michael E. DeBakery Veterans' Hospital Houston, Texas
6/2008 - 11/2008	Staff Nurse	Harris County Psychiatric Ctr Houston, Texas
11/2008 - 11/2009	Family Nurse Practitioner	Harwin Diagnostic & Family Clinic Houston, Texas
8/2009 - Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Ideal Family Wellness Center Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness Center, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years.
7. On or about September 12, 2011, while self employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent left improperly packaged and labeled medications at the home of Patient TW, in that the medication was in a plastic bag and had Clonidine 0.1mg written with a marking pen. Respondent's conduct deprive the patient of written instructions and violated Chapter 483 (Dangerous Drugs), of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
8. On or about September 12, 2011, while self employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent falsely documented the administration of Clonidine 0.1mg to Patient TW. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate medical record which subsequent care givers would rely on to provide further patient care.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states she did leave Clonidine 0.1mg samples with the family, in consideration of their financial situation, and she did mark the package as Clonidine 0.1mg. Further, Respondent states she did record in the past

tense unintentionally and insists she did not administer any medications. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states she did not administer any medications to the patient on September 21, 2011.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B),(1)(D)&(4)(B) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4)&(6)(A).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Family Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, heretofore issued to FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS AND FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are

encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:*
<http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home

study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:* <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:* <http://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR TWO (2) YEAR(S) OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) LICENSE WITH ADVANCED PRACTICE AUTHORIZATION WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S license(s). RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

(7) Should RESPONDENT choose to work as a Family Nurse Practitioner, RESPONDENT'S practice will be monitored for two (2) years by a Physician or Family Nurse Practitioner who has been approved by the Board. RESPONDENT must provide a list of three (3) Physicians and/or three (3) Family Nurse Practitioners from which the Board shall select. For the Physician and/or Family Nurse Practitioner, the list must include the following for each: name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of RESPONDENT'S receipt of the name of the monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the RESPONDENT as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. RESPONDENT SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. RESPONDENT SHALL ensure that the monitor submits reports, addressing RESPONDENT'S progress in overcoming these deficiencies to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for the two (2) year stipulation period. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

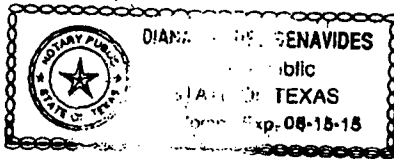
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of May, 2013.

Frances Ego Chilaka
FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of May, 2013.

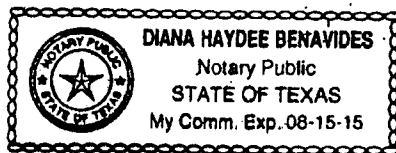
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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.


Silvia Tiller
Silvia Tiller, Attorney for Respondent



Signed this 20th day of May, 2013

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of May, 2013, by FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, Family Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, and said Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of July, 2013.



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

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

FRANCES E. CHILAKA,

Case No. 2014-995

Registered Nurse License No. 513726
Nurse Practitioner Certificate No. 15625

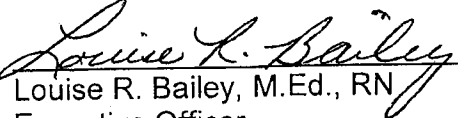
Respondent.

DECISION AND ORDER

Pursuant to Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, section 1403, the attached Stipulated Settlement is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing as its Decision and Order in the above-entitled matter.

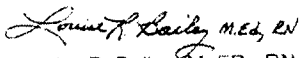
This Decision shall become effective on August 25, 2014

IT IS SO ORDERED this 25th day of August, 2014.


Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California

I hereby certify the
foregoing to be a true copy
of the documents on file in our office

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING


Louise R. Bailey, M. Ed., RN
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9 **BEFORE THE**
BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
12 **FRANCES E. CHILAKA**
13 **1826 Granite Field Lane**
14 **Richmond, TX 77469**
Registered Nurse License No. 513726
Nurse Practitioner Certificate No. 15625
15
16 Respondent.

Case No. 2014-995
OAH No.
**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

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18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
19 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 PARTIES

21 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board
22 of Registered Nursing. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in
23 this matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Carter Ott,
24 Deputy Attorney General.

25 2. Frances E. Chilaka ("Respondent") is represented in this proceeding by attorney
26 Silvia Tiller, whose address is Tiller & Associates, P.O. Box 1263, Fresno, TX 77545, (281)
27 780-2362.
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1 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board any and all pocket licenses and, if
2 issued, her wall certificates on or before the effective date of the Decision And Order.

3 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
4 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
5 comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license(s) in
6 effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in the
7 Accusation shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board
8 determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

9 5. If and when Respondent's license(s) is reinstated, she shall pay to the Board costs
10 associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code
11 section 125.3 in the amount of \$1,605. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a
12 payment plan approved by the Board. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to prohibit the
13 Board from reducing the amount of cost recovery upon reinstatement of the license.

14 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
15 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
16 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation shall be deemed to be
17 true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other
18 proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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7. Respondent shall not apply for licensure or petition for reinstatement for two (2) years from the effective date of the Board's Decision And Order.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender Of License And Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Silvia Tiller. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License and Nurse Practitioner Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender Of License And Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision And Order of the Board of Registered Nursing.

DATED: 6/27/14 Frances E. Chilaka

FRANCES E. CHILAKA
Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Frances E. Chilaka the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender Of License And Order. I approve its form and content.

DATED: 6/27/14 Silvia Tiller

SILVIA TILLER
Attorney for Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Surrender Of License And Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Dated: _____ Respectfully submitted,
KAMALA D. HARRIS
Attorney General of California
DIANN SOKOLOFF
Supervising Deputy Attorney General

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Deputy Attorney General
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2014-995

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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2014-995

12 **FRANCES E. CHILAKA**
1826 Granite Field Lane
13 Richmond, TX 77469

ACCUSATION

14 Registered Nurse License No. 513726

15 Nurse Practitioner Certificate No. 15625

16 Respondent,

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 **PARTIES**

20 1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
21 official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of
22 Consumer Affairs.

23 2. On or about August 2, 1995, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
24 Nurse License Number 513726 to Frances E. Chilaka ("Respondent"). The Registered Nurse
25 License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in this Accusation.
26 The Registered Nurse License expired on June 30, 2013 and has not been renewed.

27 3. On or about April 6, 2005, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Nurse
28 Practitioner Certificate Number 15625 to Frances E. Chilaka ("Respondent"). The Nurse

1 Practitioner Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in
2 this Accusation. The Registered Nurse License expired on June 30, 2013 and has not been
3 renewed.

4 JURISDICTION

5 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"),
6 Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section
7 references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.

8 5. Section 2750 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline
9 any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason
10 provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.

11 6. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license
12 shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the
13 licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811,
14 subdivision (b) of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight
15 years after the expiration.

16 STATUTORY PROVISIONS

17 7. Section 2761 of the Code states:

18 "The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an
19 application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

20 "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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22 "(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action
23 against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United
24 States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional
25 licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that
26 action."

27 COST RECOVERY

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1 employment as a nurse; and (5) work under direct monitoring by a Physician or Family Nurse
2 Practitioner approved by the Texas Board.

3 11. The circumstances supporting the Texas Board's Agreed Order are that on or
4 about September 12, 2011, while Respondent was self-employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner
5 with Ideal Family Wellness Center in Houston, Texas, Respondent falsely documented the
6 administration of Clonidine 0.1 mg to Patient T.W. On or about the same date, Respondent left
7 improperly packaged and labeled medications at the home of Patient T.W. In response to the
8 allegations, Respondent admitted that she did not administer any medications to Patient T.W. on
9 September 12, 2011. Respondent also admitted that she left improperly marked Clonidine 0.1 mg
10 samples with the family and recorded the medication in the past tense.

11 PRAYER

12 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters alleged in this
13 Accusation, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 14 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 513726, issued to Frances
15 E. Chilaka;
- 16 2. Revoking or suspending Nurse Practitioner Certificate Number 15625, issued to
17 Frances E. Chilaka;
- 18 3. Ordering Frances E. Chilaka, to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable
19 costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions
20 Code section 125.3; and
- 21 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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23 DATED: FEBRUARY 19, 2014 *Louise R. Bailey*
24 LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN
25 Executive Officer
26 Board of Registered Nursing
27 Department of Consumer Affairs
28 State of California
Complainant



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Patricia P. Johnson
Executive Director of the Board

In the Matter of
Permanent Advanced Practice Registered
Nurse License Number AP117433 with
Prescription Authorization Number 9004
& Permanent Registered Nurse
License Number 728821
Issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA
a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA),
Respondent

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BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: Frances Ego Onuoha
a/k/a Frances Ego Chilaka
1826 Granite Field Ln
Richmond, Texas 77469

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on May 17, 2016 at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433, with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, and Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 728821, issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented information and evidence concerning the conduct of FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, and whether her continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

CHARGE I.

On or about September 10, 2011, through October 18, 2012, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with AVC Wellness Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. More specifically, Respondent issued prescriptions for controlled substances to patients: AR, BH,

CG, CS, RA, RR, and SB, without conducting appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Respondent repeatedly prescribed hydrocodone and Soma to patients in the same doses, nearly identical quantities, and maximum strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualization assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such a unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

CHARGE II.

On or about August 13, 2012, through December 4, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. More specifically, Respondent issued prescriptions for controlled substances to patients: AM, EM, MC, MW, and VW, without conducting appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Respondent repeatedly prescribed an opioid and/or Soma to patients in the same doses, nearly identical quantities, and maximum strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualization assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such a unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

CHARGE III.

On or about March 1, 2013, through April 17, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. During this time period, Respondent issued thirteen thousand five hundred fifty five (13,555) prescriptions for controlled substances, which included dangerous drug cocktails. Dangerous drug cocktails are combinations of controlled substances, such as Tylenol with Codeine or hydrocodone, Soma, and/or Alprazolam. Dangerous drug cocktails have greater risks than therapeutic benefit when taken together.

Respondent repeatedly prescribed Tylenol with Codeine or hydrocodone, Soma, and/or Alprazolam to patients in the same doses, nearly identical quantities, and maximum strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualized assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges, the continued practice of nursing by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, constitutes a continuing and imminent threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, and Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 728821, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, and Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 728821, issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are, hereby

SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order, and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this 17th day of May, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:  For the Texas Board of Nursing
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Advanced Practice Registered	§	
Nurse License Number AP117433 with	§	
Prescription Authorization Number 9004	§	
& Permanent Registered Nurse	§	
License Number 728821	§	
Issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA	§	
a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA),	§	
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a/k/a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, is an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse holding License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, which is in current status at the time of this pleading, and is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 728821, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

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Further, Respondent failed to: (a) obtain all pertinent previous medical records; (b) appropriately assess and/or reassess function; (c) exhaust low-risk, evidence-based treatments before resorting to high-risk, non-evidence based treatment; (d) perform multi-site pain evaluations as appropriate; (d) appropriately monitor patients for aberrant and/or drug-seeking behavior; and (e) adequately collaborate and/or adequately document collaboration with a delegating physician.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§

217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(R),(1)(T),&(4)(effective November 15, 2007 to Current); 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),&(11)(B)(effective September 28, 2004 to Current); 221.12 (effective February 25, 2001 to Current); 221.13 (effective February 25, 2001 to Current); 222.4(a)&(b)(effective February 14, 2010 to November 19, 2013); 222.4(a)(effective November 20, 2013 to Current); 222.5 (November 20, 2013 to Current); 222.6 (effective February 14, 2010 to November 19, 2013); 222.8(b)(1)&(b)(2)(effective November 20, 2013 to Current); and 222.8 (effective February 14, 2010 to November 20, 2013).

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

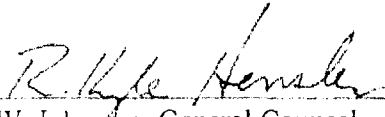
NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints: Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Agreed Order of the Board dated July 18, 2013, and Agreed Order of the Department of Consumer Affairs State of California dated August 25, 2014.

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Filed this 17th day of May, 2016.

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Attachments: Agreed Order of the Board dated July 18, 2013, and Agreed Order of the Department of Consumer Affairs State of California dated August 25, 2014.

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I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Advanced Practice Registered	§	AGREED
Nurse License Number AP117433 with	§	
Prescription Authorization Number 9004	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 728821	§	
issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA	§	
a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on March 27, 2017.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in suspended status. Respondent's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas is in suspended status.

4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Los Angeles Southwest College, Los Angeles, California, on January 7, 1995, and received a Masters Degree in Nursing from University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa, California, on January 22, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 12, 2006, and was licensed to practice registered nursing in the role of a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization in the State of Texas on October 27, 2008.

5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1996 - 6/2006	School Nurse	LA Unified School District Los Angeles, CA
10/1994 - 8/2006	Charge Nurse	Brotman Medical Center Culver, CA
9/2006 - 10/2007	Staff Nurse	Twelve Oaks Hospital Houston, Texas
4/2007 - 11/2009	Registered Nurse	Michael E. DeBakery Veterans' Hospital Houston, Texas
6/2008 - 11/2008	Staff Nurse	Harris County Psychiatric Ctr Houston, Texas
11/2008 - 11/2009	Family Nurse Practitioner	Harwin Diagnostic & Family Clinic Houston, Texas
8/2009 - Present	Family Nurse Practitioner	Ideal Family Wellness Center Houston, Texas

6. On or about July 18, 2013, Respondent was issued the sanction of a REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS through an Agreed Order by the Board. Respondent has successfully completed the terms of the order. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, dated July 18, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

7. On or about August 25, 2014, Respondent was issued a Decision and Order by the Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California. A copy of the Decision and Order by the Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California, dated August 25, 2014, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

8. On or about September 10, 2011, through October 18, 2012, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with AVC Wellness Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. More specifically, Respondent issued prescriptions for controlled substances to patients: AR, BH, CG, CS, RA, RR, and SB, without conducting appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Respondent repeatedly prescribed hydrocodone and Soma to patients in the same doses, quantities, and strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualization assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such a unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

Further, Respondent failed to: (a) obtain all pertinent previous medical records; (b) appropriately assess and/or reassess function; (c) exhaust low-risk, evidence-based treatments before resorting to high-risk, non-evidence based treatment; (d) perform multi-site pain evaluations as appropriate; (e) appropriately monitor patients for aberrant and/or drug-seeking behavior; and (f) adequately collaborate and/or adequately document collaboration with a delegating physician.

9. On or about August 13, 2012, through December 4, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. More specifically, Respondent issued prescriptions for controlled substances to patients: AM, EM, MC, MW, and VW, without conducting appropriate assessments to justify her prescribing practices and/or exploring/ordering other treatment options in lieu of prescribing dangerous controlled substances to her patients. Respondent repeatedly prescribed Tylenol with Codeine or hydrocodone, with Soma, and/or Alprazolam to patients in the same doses, quantities, and strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualization assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such a unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

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10. On or about March 1, 2013, through April 17, 2015, while employed as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Ideal Family Wellness, Houston, Texas, Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of nursing practice in that she engaged in non-therapeutic prescribing practices. During this time period, Respondent's prescription profile reflected that she issued thirteen thousand five hundred fifty five (13,555) prescriptions for controlled substances, which included dangerous drug cocktails. Respondent admits that she prescribed approximately two thousand seven hundred (2,700) prescriptions for controlled substances during that period, but contends that the remaining prescriptions for controlled substances were made fraudulently without her knowledge or consent.

Dangerous drug cocktails are combinations of controlled substances, such as Tylenol with Codeine or hydrocodone, with Soma, and/or Alprazolam, which have greater risks than therapeutic benefit when taken together.

Respondent repeatedly prescribed Tylenol with Codeine or hydrocodone, with Soma, and/or Alprazolam to patients in the same doses, quantities, and strengths, indicating a failure to individually assess each patient and develop a treatment plan in response to each patient's individualized assessment. This type of prescribing falls below the standard of care in that the combination of Central Nervous System (CNS) depressants in such unsupported quantities has greater risks than therapeutic benefit.

11. Formal Charges were filed and Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas were temporarily suspended on May 17, 2016.
12. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on May 17, 2016.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11 217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(R),(1)(T),&(4)(effective November 15, 2007 to Current) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),&(11)(B)(effective September 28, 2004 to Current); 221.12 (effective February 25, 2001 to Current); 221.13 (effective February 25, 2001 to Current); 222.4(a)&(b)(effective February 14, 2010 to November 19, 2013); 222.4(a)(effective November 20, 2013 to Current); 222.5 (November 20, 2013 to Current); 222.6 (effective February 14, 2010 to November 19, 2013); 222.8(b)(1)&(b)(2)(effective November 20, 2013 to Current); 222.8 (effective February 14, 2010 to November 20, 2013); and 222.8(b)(1)&(b)(2)(effective November 20, 2013 to Current).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, heretofore issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. SANCTION AND APPLICABILITY

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescriptive Authorization Number 9004, heretofore issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing.

RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice advanced practice nursing, use or wear any title or insignia identifying herself as an advanced practice registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is an advanced practice registered nurse during the period in which her advanced practice registered nurse license is surrendered.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that Registered Nurse License Number 728821 previously issued to RESPONDENT, to practice nursing in Texas is hereby **SUSPENDED** with the suspension **STAYED** and Respondent is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, in accordance with the terms of this Order, for a minimum of two (2) years **AND** until Respondent fulfills the requirements of this Order.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Order.

- A. This Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state without first obtaining the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the nurse licensure compact party state where Respondent wishes to work.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education courses within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. A Board-approved course in nursing documentation that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.

- C. The course **“Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills.”** a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. RESPONDENT SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

IV. **MONETARY FINE**

RESPONDENT SHALL **pay a monetary fine in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within one hundred thirty five (135) days of the effective date of this Order.** Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

V. **EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as a registered nurse, providing patient care in a licensed healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as a registered nurse have elapsed. Any quarterly period without continuous employment with the same employer for all three (3) months will not count towards completion of this requirement. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of a registered nurse (RN) license, as appropriate, will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers:** RESPONDENT SHALL notify

each present employer in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this of this Order, including all attachments, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing and present each with a complete copy of this of this Order, including all attachments, if any, prior to accepting an offer of employment.

- B. Notification of Employment Forms:** RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment form" to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- 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 Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse. Direct supervision requires another 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). 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 Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Registered Nurse, or by a Licensed Vocational Nurse or a Registered Nurse, if licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse, who is on the premises. The supervising 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 nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(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:** 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 nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT

and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VI. FURTHER COMPLAINTS

If, during the period of probation, an additional allegation, accusation, or petition is reported or filed against the Respondent's license(s), the probationary period shall not expire and shall automatically be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S) AND/OR FULL PRESCRIBING AUTHORIZATION

With the exception of RESPONDENT'S Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license and Prescription Authorization, upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all other encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

- A. RESPONDENT shall not petition the Board for reinstatement of her Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license and the authority to prescribe controlled substances until RESPONDENT has successfully completed all of the terms and requirements of this Order.
- B. Upon petitioning for reinstatement of her Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license and authority to prescribe controlled substances, RESPONDENT SHALL also satisfy all then existing requirements in addition to having completed ten (10) hours of continuing education (CE) approved by the Board that relates to diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain. The topics covered by such CE must include: risk assessment, urine drug testing, addictions, evidence based conservative treatment options, care of patients with mental health co-morbidities and accidental lethal drug overdose.
- C. The Board may impose additional restrictions or stipulations to accompany the re-issuance of the RESPONDENT'S Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license and authority to prescribe controlled substances, as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board.

- D. Respondent shall not re-register or otherwise obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) or any other government issued certificates or authorizations to prescribe controlled substances until Respondent obtains authorization in writing from the Board to prescribe controlled substances.

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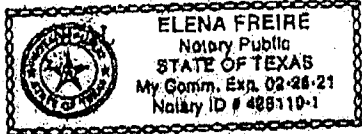
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the entry of this Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including possible revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 21 day of April, 2017.
Frances Ego Onuoha
FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, Respondent
a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of April, 2017.



Elena Freire
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS.

Approved as to form and substance.

John R. Shepperd
John R. Shepperd, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 21st day of April, 2017.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 21st day of April, 2017, by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, a.k.a FRANCES EGO CHILAKA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, and said Order is final.

Effective this 9th day of May, 2017.



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



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Helen A. Parnell
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	REINSTATEMENT
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License	§	
Number API17433 with Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 9004	§	AGREED ORDER
issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA	§	

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number API17433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, held by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was conducted on May 5, 2020, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent appeared by telephone. Respondent was represented by John R. Shepperd, Attorney at Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
3. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Los Angeles Southwest Coll, Los Angeles, California, on January 7, 1995. Petitioner completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program from University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa, California, on January 22, 2005. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 12, 2006. Petitioner was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner on October 27, 2008. Petitioner was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on October 27, 2008.

4. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

11/96 – 6/06	School Nurse	LA Unified School District Los Angeles, California
10/94 – 8/06	Charge Nurse	Brotman Medical Center Culver, California
9/06 – 10/07	Staff Nurse	Twelve Oaks Hospital Houston, Texas
4/07 – 11/09	RN	Michael DeBakery Veterans Hospital Houston, Texas
6/08 – 11/08	Staff Nurse	Harris County Psychiatric Center Houston, Texas
11/08 – 11/09	FNP	Harwin Diagnostic & Family Clinic Houston, Texas
8/09 – 5/16	FNP	Ideal Family Wellness Center Houston, Texas
6/14 – 5/16	RN	Empire Healthcare Houston, Texas
5/16 – 10/17	Unknown	
10/17 - Present	RN	Crescent Health and Rehabilitation Sugarland, Texas

5. On or about July 18, 2013, Petitioner was issued the sanction of Reprimand with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. On or about October 15, 2015, Petitioner successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the July 18, 2013, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
6. On or about May 9, 2017, Petitioner's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas was Suspended with the Suspension stayed and Petitioner was placed on probation through an Order of the Board. On or about February 6, 2020, Petitioner successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the May 9, 2017, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.

7. On or about May 9, 2017, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Petitioner's Advance Practice Registered Nurse license(s) with Prescriptive Authorization in the State of Texas through an Order of the Board. A copy of the May 9, 2017, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Reinstatement Agreed Order.
8. On or about March 6, 2020, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
9. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - A. Letter of support, from Lynda C. Sims, Charge Nurse, Crescent Health Care and Rehabilitation, Sugar Land, Texas, who first met Petitioner three years ago when she started working at Crescent Health. Petitioner is a very dedicated Nurse who shows compassion to her patients. She is very patient with her staff, as the weekend supervisor, even within the strict schedule she has worked very closely with her team members.
 - B. Letter of support, Pamela Adeleye, BSN, RN, has known Petitioner for the past two years as a Registered Nurse at a Skilled Nursing Facility in Sugar Land, Texas. She is a very skilled, responsible, efficient, motivated and kind-hearted person. She distinguishes herself as an outstanding nurse amongst many others at the nursing facility who give constant safe and empathetic nursing care to all the residents and their families. Her work ethic, punctuality, sense of duty and responsibility has been very inspiring.
 - C. Letter of support, Onuogu Maureen, Staffing Coordinator, The Crescent. Petitioner has been with The Crescent for 2 years now. She has shown excellent skills; is dependable, reliable, and has shown a great level of expertise in her job descriptions. She has demonstrated meaningful ways in reaching out to both co-workers and her clients.
 - D. Letter of support, dated February 26, 2020, from Holly Robertson, DON, Crescent and Health and Rehabilitation, states she has worked with Petitioner in a professional capacity for two years. Ms. Robertson finds her to be diligent in fulfilling her professional responsibility as a weekend supervisor. As well as teaching new employees modalities of the facility, she is timely in her communication of clinical information both verbal and written documentation.
 - E. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.
10. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for relicensure.
11. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
12. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. This reinstatement is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c) and 301.467, Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26.
3. The Board may relicense an individual upon evaluation of the factors in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27, and pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.33, if the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of FRANCES EGO ONUOHA for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, is/are hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

- A. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to PETITIONER to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- C. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

II. LIMITED PRESCRIPTION AUTHORIZATION

PETITIONER'S Prescription Authorization is hereby **LIMITED and PETITIONER SHALL NOT be authorized to prescribe or order any controlled substances** until such time that PETITIONER petitions and obtains written authorization from the Board to prescribe controlled substances, subject to the following additional requirements:

- A. PETITIONER shall not petition the Board for the authority to prescribe controlled substances until PETITIONER has successfully completed **at least one (1) year [four (4) quarters] of the employment requirements of this Order.**
- B. Upon petitioning for reinstatement of authority to prescribe controlled substances, PETITIONER SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements in addition to having completed ten (10) hours of continuing education (CE) approved by the Board that relates to diagnosis and treatment of chronic pain. The topics covered by such CE must include: risk assessment, urine drug testing, addictions, evidence based conservative treatment options, care of patients with mental health co-morbidities and accidental lethal drug overdose.
- C. The Board may impose additional restrictions or stipulations to accompany the re-issuance of the PETITIONER'S authority to prescribe controlled substances, as deemed appropriate and necessary by the Board.
- D. PETITIONER shall not re-register or otherwise obtain a DEA Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) and/or any other government issued certificates or authorizations to prescribe controlled substances until PETITIONER obtains authorization in writing from the Board to prescribe controlled substances.

III. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and

Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Reinstatement Agreed Order.

IV. **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION REVIEW COURSE & REFRESHER COURSE / EXTENSIVE ORIENTATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES**

Prior to practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas,

PETITIONER SHALL:

- A. **Complete a certification examination review** for nurse practitioners that is at least fifteen (15) hours in length and which includes nurse practitioners as the target audience.
- B. **Apply for a Six Month Temporary Permit for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses** for the limited purpose of completing a refresher course / extensive orientation for advanced practice registered nurses. The application for a Six Month Temporary Permit for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses is available on the Board's website at www.bon.texas.gov under Forms / Applications / Six Month Permits / Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. PETITIONER SHALL NOT, in any way, attempt to use the temporary permit for any purpose other than completing the refresher course/extensive orientation.
- C. **Successfully complete a refresher course/extensive orientation for advanced practice registered nurses** which meets the Board's requirements, which can be obtained from the Board's website www.bon.texas.gov under Forms / Applications / Advanced Practice Registered Nurse / Refresher Course/Extensive Orientation for APRNs Returning to Practice after 4 Years. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. The refresher course/extensive orientation must cover the full scope of practice for the applicable advanced practice role and population focus area through clinical and/or didactic learning experiences. At a minimum, the content must include:
 - Advanced assessment;
 - Pharmacotherapeutics;
 - Diagnosis and management of diseases and conditions consistent with current standards of care;
 - Ordering and interpreting diagnostic and laboratory tests;
 - Demonstration of safe and competent performance of procedures; and

- Demonstration of knowledge of the scope of practice as defined by the Nursing Practice Act and Board rules related to professional and advanced practice nursing role and responsibilities, as appropriate.

The course must contain no less than a total of 400 hours of clinical practice supervised by a qualified instructor who meets or exceeds the Board's minimum criteria for eligibility as an Instructor.

D. **Upon completion of the refresher course**, PETITIONER SHALL return the temporary permit to the Board's office and PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to notify the Board, on a form provided by the Board, of Petitioner's successful completion of the refresher course, including the required 400 hours of supervised practice.

E. **Upon verification of successful completion of the conditions of reinstatement** as set out in Paragraphs A through D of this Section, PETITIONER SHALL submit a completed Reactivation Application for Recognition as an Advanced Practice Nurse, which is available on the Board's website at *www.bon.texas.gov/licensure_renewal.asp*. PETITIONER shall pay all re-registration fees and, subject to meeting all other requirements for APRN licensure in Texas, shall be issued the applicable license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas, which shall be subject to the terms of this Order.

V. **REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)**

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of relicensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

A. **A Board-approved academic course in advanced practice physical assessment** of at least three (3) semester credit hours, including not less than one (1) semester credit hour, or three (3) clock hours per week, of clinical practicum with a minimum passing grade of not less than "C" or "Pass" if using a "Pass/Fail" grading system. PETITIONER SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Instruction SHALL BE provided by an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse. PETITIONER SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in the clinical practicum component; performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the

methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. Successful completion of this course requires PETITIONER to successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course.

- B. **The course "Prescriptive Authority for APRNs,"** a 1.2 contact hour online program provided by the Texas Board of Nursing. Information about this course is available at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/product/#bon-course-rx> or from the "CNE Workshops/Webinars" section of the Board's website under "News" menu.
- C. **Successfully completes the course "Determining APRN Scope of Practice,"** a 1.4 contact hour online program provided by the Texas Board of Nursing. Information about this course is available at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/product/#bon-course-aprnscope> or from the "CNE Workshops/Webinars" section of the Board's website under "News" menu.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

VI. EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS AFTER APRN RELICENSURE

Upon becoming relicensed as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, in order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for eight (8) quarterly periods [two (2) years] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until eight (8) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered

nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies:** PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers, practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.
- B. **Notification of Employment Forms:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- C. **Monitored Practice:** PETITIONER'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as PETITIONER who has been approved by the Board. PETITIONER MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of PETITIONER'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the PETITIONER as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. PETITIONER SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

D. Nursing Performance Reports: PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the PETITIONER and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for eight (8) quarters [two (2) years] of employment as a nurse.

VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

With the exception of the limitation of PETITIONER'S Prescription Authorization as set forth in this Order, upon full compliance with the terms of this Reinstatement Agreed Order, all other encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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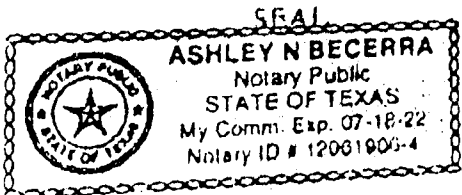
PETITIONER CERTIFICATION

I understand this Order is conditioned on the accuracy and completeness of my petition and disclosures. I further understand that substantially discovered discrepancies in my petition and/or disclosures will result in investigation and possibly disciplinary action, up to revocation of my license(s). I have reviewed this Order, I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including REVOCATION of my license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my non-compliance.

Signed this 29 day of JUNE, 2020

Frances Ego Onofra
FRANCES EGO ONOFRÁ, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of JUNE, 2020.



Donna K. [Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

Approved as to form and substance
John R Sheppard
John R. Sheppard, Attorney for Petitioner

Signed this 6 day of July, 2020.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the 29th day of June, 2020, by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, and said Reinstatement Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of August, 2020.



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



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Stephanie Johnson
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of	§	REINSTATEMENT
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License	§	AGREED ORDER
Number AP117433 with Prescription	§	
Authorization Number 9004	§	
& Registered Nurse License Number 728821	§	
issued to FRANCES EGO ONUOHA	§	

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Full Prescribing Authority, hereinafter referred to as the Petition, of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004, and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, held by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

An informal conference was conducted on November 1, 2022, in accordance with Section 301.464, Texas Occupations Code. Petitioner was represented by John R. Shepperd, Attorney at Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Agreed Order.
3. Petitioner's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Petitioner's license to practice as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner is in current status with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 in limited status with no controlled substances prescribing permitted.
4. Petitioner received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Los Angeles Southwest Coll, Los Angeles, California, on January 7, 1995. Petitioner completed a Family Nurse Practitioner Program from University of Phoenix, Costa Mesa, California, on January 22, 2005. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 12,

2006. Petitioner was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner on October 27, 2008. Petitioner was licensed to practice advanced practice registered nursing in the State of Texas with authorization as a Family Nurse Practitioner with Prescription Authorization on October 27, 2008.

5. Petitioner's nursing employment history includes:

11/1996 – 6/2006	School Nurse	LA Unified School District Los Angeles, California
10/1994 – 8/2006	Charge Nurse	Brotman Medical Center Culver, California
9/2006 – 10/2007	Staff Nurse	Twelve Oaks Hospital Houston, Texas
4/2007 – 11/2009	RN	Michael DeBakery Veterans Hospital Houston, Texas
6/2008 – 11/2008	Staff Nurse	Harris County Psychiatric Center Houston, Texas
11/2008 – 11/2009	FNP	Harwin Diagnostic & Family Clinic Houston, Texas
8/2009 – 5/2016	FNP	Ideal Family Wellness Center Houston, Texas
6/2014 – 5/2016	RN	Empire Healthcare Houston, Texas
6/2016 – 9/2017	Unknown	
10/2017 – 6/2021	RN	Crescent Health and Rehabilitation Sugarland, Texas
6/2021 – 10/2022	RN	Westpark Springs Richmond, Texas
3/2021 – Present	FNP	Kindle Clinic Pasadena, Texas
10/2022 – Present	RN	Harris County Mental Health Houston, Texas

6. On or about July 18, 2013, Petitioner was issued the sanction of Reprimand with Stipulations through an Order of the Board. On or about October 15, 2015, Petitioner successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the July 18, 2013, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
7. On or about May 9, 2017, the Board accepted the Voluntary Surrender of Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 and Registered Nurse License Number 728821 was Suspended with the Suspension stayed and Petitioner was placed on probation through an Order of the Board. On or about February 6, 2020, Petitioner successfully completed the terms of the Order. A copy of the May 9, 2017, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
8. On or about August 18, 2020, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433 with Prescription Authorization Number 9004 was Reinstated and Prescription Authorization Number 9004 was placed in limited status with no controlled substances prescribing permitted through an Order of the Board. Petitioner has completed all necessary prerequisites for restoration of full prescribing authority but has not yet fully completed all other requirements of the August 18, 2020, Order. A copy of the August 18, 2020, Order is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Agreed Order.
9. On or about May 17, 2022, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of Full Prescribing Authority in the State of Texas.
10. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - A. Letter of support date June 24, 2022, from Lynda Sims, BSN, RN, Weekend Supervisor, Crescent Healthcare and Rehabilitation.
 - B. Letter of support date June 18, 2022, from Juliet C Amadi, FNP.
 - C. Letter of support date June 21, 2022, from Agnes Anyalebechi, DNP, ACNP-BC, Kindle Clinic Inc.
 - D. Documentation of the ten (10) continuing education contact hours required by the August 18, 2020, Order.
11. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the factors set out in 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for reinstatement of full prescribing authority.
12. Reinstatement of Petitioner's full prescribing authority poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
13. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for reinstatement of full prescribing authority has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. On or about May 17, 2022, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of Full Prescribing Authority in the State of Texas.
3. This Agreed Order is made pursuant to Sections 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.7(h).
4. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
5. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures. Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).
6. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.

TERMS OF ORDER

I. REINSTATEMENT OF FULL PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY AND APPLICABILITY

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of FRANCES EGO ONUOHA for reinstatement of full prescribing authority in the State of Texas be **GRANTED** and the sanction of Limited: No Controlled Substances Prescribing previously applied to Prescription Authorization Number 9004 is hereby **LIFTED** and full prescribing authority restored, subject to the remaining requirements of this Order, and:

- B. Until successfully completed, this Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER'S nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

- C. Until successfully completed, PETITIONER may not practice nursing in the State of Texas except in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- D. As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" as applicable and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state using a Texas compact license.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nursing Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 *et seq.*, and this Agreed Order.

III. SUPERSEDING ORDER

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction and conditions of this Agreed Order SHALL supersede all previous stipulations required by any Order entered by the Texas Board of Nursing.

IV. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, PETITIONER SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) **within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise specifically indicated:**

- A. **The course "Prescriptive Authority for APRNs,"** a 1.2 contact hour online program provided by the Texas Board of Nursing. Information about this course is available at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/product/#bon-course-rx> or from the "CNE Workshops/Webinars" section of the Board's website under "News" menu.
- B. **The course "Determining APRN Scope of Practice,"** a 1.4 contact hour online program provided by the Texas Board of Nursing. Information about this course is available at <https://www.bon.texas.gov/catalog/product/#bon-course-aprnscope>

or from the "CNE Workshops/Webinars" section of the Board's website under "News" menu.

- C. **The course "Complying with the Statewide Mandate & Using the PMP to Provide Patient-Centered Care,"** a 1.00 CME Credit online program provided by the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program. Information about this course is available at <https://txpmp.org/training>.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. PETITIONER SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. *Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at www.bon.texas.gov/compliance.*

V. **APRN EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

In order to complete the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT must work as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State of Texas, providing direct patient care in a clinical healthcare setting, for a minimum of sixty-four (64) hours per month for four (4) quarterly periods [one (1) year] of employment. This requirement will not be satisfied until four (4) quarterly periods of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse have elapsed. Periods of unemployment or of employment that do not require the use of an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) license will not apply to this period and will not count towards completion of this requirement. Further, Respondent may not work as a registered nurse (RN) or a vocational nurse (LVN) license, as applicable, while under the terms of this Order.

- A. **Notifying Present and Future Employers, Practice Sites and Credentialing Agencies:** PETITIONER SHALL notify each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on PETITIONER'S license(s). PETITIONER SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL notify all future employers,

practice sites and/or credentialing agencies in nursing and present a complete copy of this Order, including all attachments, if any, to each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing prior to accepting an offer of employment and/or assignment.

- B. **Notification of Employment Forms:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each present employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each future employer, practice site and/or credentialing agency in nursing to submit the Board's "Notification of Employment" form, which is provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.

- C. **Monitored Practice:** PETITIONER'S advanced practice registered nursing must be monitored by a Physician or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the same advanced role and population focus area as PETITIONER who has been approved by the Board. PETITIONER MUST, within ten (10) days of entry of this Order or within (10) days of employment as an advanced practice registered nurse, provide to the Board a list of three (3) Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and/or three (3) Physicians from which the Board shall select an approved monitor. For each Advanced Practice Registered Nurse and Physician, the list must include name, license number or social security number, educational background and professional employment history. Monitoring shall commence no later than thirty (30) days following the date of PETITIONER'S receipt of the name of the approved monitor selected by the Board. The monitor will offer guidance, advice and assistance to the PETITIONER as necessary to ensure that deficiencies such as those set forth in this Order do not reoccur. PETITIONER SHALL meet with the monitor at least twice a month, at least one (1) hour duration each. Meetings may be longer and more frequent if the monitor determines necessary. Multiple employers are prohibited.

- D. **Nursing Performance Reports:** PETITIONER SHALL CAUSE each supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to submit, on forms provided to the PETITIONER by the Board, periodic reports as to PETITIONER'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician who supervises/monitors the PETITIONER and these reports shall be submitted by the supervising/monitoring Advanced Practice Registered Nurse or Physician to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month quarterly period for four (4) quarters [one (1) year] of employment as a nurse.

VI. PRESCRIPTION MONITORING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Prior to prescribing controlled substances under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL meet all requirements for the reissuance of DEA (United States Drug Enforcement Administration) Controlled Substances Registration Certificate(s) and/or any other government issued certificates or authorizations necessary to prescribe controlled substances, including registration with the Texas Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) [<https://www.pharmacy.texas.gov/PMP>].

- A. While practicing as an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER SHALL print and submit PETITIONER'S PMP prescribing profile report to the Board at the end of every three (3) month period; and
- B. PETITIONER'S prescribing profile report must include all patient prescribing information for all three (3) months being reported, must be certified by the PETITIONER as being accurate, and must be received by the Board within one (1) month of being printed.

VII. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Agreed Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

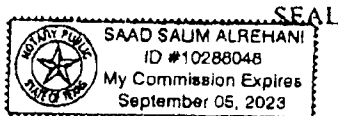
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Signed this 1st day of December, 2022

Francis Ego Onuoha
FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, PETITIONER

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 1st day of DEC, 2022



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Notary Public in and for the State of Tx

Approved as to form and substance

John R. Sheppard
John R. Sheppard, Attorney for Petitioner

Signed this 1 day of Dec, 2022.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 1st day of December, 2022, by FRANCES EGO ONUOHA, Advanced Practice Registered Nurse License Number AP117433, and Registered Nurse License Number 728821, and said Agreed Order is final.

Effective this 19th day of January, 2023.



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