

**BEFORE THE INDIANA STATE  
BOARD OF NURSING  
CAUSE NUMBER: 2017 NB 0327**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE RENEWAL APPLICATION OF:  
AMANDA SAWYER, R.N.,  
LICENSE NO: 28165032A**



**DECISION ON APPLICATION TO RENEW LICENSE**

The Indiana State Board of Nursing (“Board”) requested that Amanda Sawyer (“Applicant”) personally appear before board member Jeff Cotto, R.N. on December 7, 2017, in Room 4 of the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. She came for the purpose of providing information and answering questions concerning her application to renew her license as a nurse.

The Applicant appeared in person.

After interviewing the Applicant, board member Cotto recommended to the full Board that Sawyer’s license be renewed on probation.

The Board, after considering Cotto’s recommendation and reviewing its file in this matter, voted 8 to 0 on December 14, 2017 to issue the following decision:

**FACTS**

1. The Applicant, who resides at 4018 South State Road 75, Coatesville, Indiana 46121, submitted an application to the Board to renew her license as a nurse.
2. In her renewal application, the Applicant revealed the following. The Applicant has a drug addiction problem and was put on administrative leave at work in March 2017 after she was confronted concerning diversion. She immediately sought

treatment and her sobriety date is March 23, 2017. She signed a recovery monitoring agreement with the Indiana State Nurses Assistance Program (“ISNAP”) and the agreement is scheduled to end in May 2020.

3. The Applicant was charged criminally for obtaining a controlled substance by fraudulent means but is participating in the Marion County drug court. If she completes the drug court program successfully the charges against her will be dismissed.

4. The Applicant has demonstrated to the Board that she may be able to practice competently and safely if she complies with the probationary terms set out below. She agrees to the terms of probation.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Based upon the foregoing, the Board renews the license of the Applicant pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-5-4(g)(5) as follows:

1. The Applicant’s license as a registered nurse is renewed on **INDEFINITE PROBATION**. The Applicant may petition to have the probationary order withdrawn after she completes three months of supervised nursing practice.

2. The Applicant’s practice as a nurse shall be governed by the following

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a) The Applicant must keep the Board apprised of the following information in writing and update it as necessary:

1. The Applicant’s current home address, mailing address, e-mail address and residential telephone number.
2. The Applicant’s place of employment, employment telephone number, employment e-mail address and name of supervisor.

b) The Applicant shall provide a copy of all Board orders, including this one, imposing discipline or limiting practice to any nursing employer who shall sign and return a copy of such orders to the Board within ten (10) days of employment or receipt of the Order.

c) The Applicant shall cause the person evaluating her nursing practice to submit quarterly reports to the Board indicating her professional competence, sense of responsibility, work habits, mental attitude and ability to work with others. If the Applicant is unemployed as a nurse, she must submit quarterly reports to the Board on her personal circumstances.

d) The Applicant must maintain her recovery monitoring agreement with ISNAP and fully, completely and continuously comply with its terms.

e) The Applicant shall comply with the terms of her drug court program.

f) The Applicant shall comply with all statutes and rules regulating the practice of nursing and report any future arrests to the Board.

3. The failure of the Applicant to comply with the terms of this decision may subject her to a show cause hearing and the imposition of further sanctions, including emergency suspension of her license.

SO ORDERED, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

INDIANA STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

*for* Maureen Bennett  
Kim Cooper, R.N.  
Board President  
Indiana State Board of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REVIEW OF THIS DECISION**

You may petition for review of this decision under Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3-7. The petition must be filed with the Indiana State Board of Nursing in writing, identifying the reasons for review and demonstrating that you have been aggrieved or adversely affected by the Board's decision. The petition for review must be filed no later than eighteen days from the issuance of this decision unless such date is a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's offices are closed during regular business hours in which case the deadline would be the first day which is not a Saturday, a Sunday, a legal holiday under state statute or a day the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency's offices are closed during regular business hours.

If your petition for review is timely filed and review granted, you will receive notification of an administrative hearing. You or your representative must be present at that hearing. You have the right to be represented by an attorney at your own expense. A deputy attorney general may be present to represent the state of Indiana. As petitioner, you will have the burden of proving that the Board's decision is incorrect.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that a copy of the "Decision on Application to Renew License" has been duly served upon:

Amanda Sawyer, R.N.  
4018 South State Road 75  
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**Service by U.S. Mail**

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