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MELISSA DAVIS
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear MELISSA DAVIS:

The Arizona State Board of Nursing ("Board") has received information and documentation that you have been representing yourself as Nurse Practitioner and/or that you have Prescribing and Dispensing authority. As you are aware you are certified by the Board as a Clinical Nurse Specialist; there is no record at the Board that validates you have completed a program of study for certification as a Nurse Practitioner with Prescribing and Dispensing authority.

Pursuant to R4-19-506 A nurse shall not practice as a registered nurse practitioner in a specialty area or use any words or letters to indicate the nurse is a registered nurse practitioner unless certified as a registered nurse practitioner by the Board.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(4): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (4) Practices nursing under cover of any diploma, license, permit or record illegally or fraudulently obtained, signed, or issued unlawfully or because of fraudulent representation.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) (4) The Board may refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

The Arizona State Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse practitioner (NP) and/or that you have prescribing/dispensing authority. In addition, the Board demands that you discontinue the following practices immediately:

- ❖ Advertising your services as a nurse practitioner when you are not certified as a nurse practitioner;
- ❖ Establishing the medical diagnosis and treatment plan for a patient, which is outside your scope of practice as an RN, CNS;
- ❖ Writing orders for patients for medical treatment, including but not limited to the prescribing and/or dispensing of medications, under your own signature and without a prior order from a licensed provider, which is outside your scope of practice as an RN, CNS;
- ❖ Giving verbal or telephonic orders for medical treatment, prior to receiving an order from a licensed provider, which is outside your scope of practice as an RN, CNS;
- ❖ Signing your title as "APN-C" which is not a recognized advanced practice certification in Arizona;

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If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Karen Grady, at 602-889-5182.

Sincerely,

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