

**BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST**

**MARQUITA M. HARRIS, Q.D.A., RESPONDENT**

**CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA**

**#15-0163**

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**STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT and FINAL ORDER**

**(combined)**

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**COMES NOW** the Iowa Dental Board (the Board), and Marquita M. Harris, Q.D.A. (Respondent), on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), enter into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

1. A hearing on this matter will not be held as the Board and Respondent have entered into the following combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order.
2. Respondent was issued registration number 11386 to practice dental assisting in the state of Iowa on March 26th, 2012.
3. Respondent's Iowa dental assistant registration is current until August 31, 2019.

## **LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

4. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 153 and 272C.

## **STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **SECTIONS OF STATUTES AND RULES INVOLVED**

#### **COUNT I**

5. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 272C.10(3) with engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public, in violation of 650 Iowa Administrative Code Section 30.4(39).

### **STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED**

6. Respondent was employed as a dental assistant at a dental practice in eastern Iowa from approximately June, 2013 to August, 2015.
7. In October, 2015, Respondent used her former employer's corporate credit card to make approximately \$2,400 in purchases for her personal use, without authorization.

### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent is hereby **CITED** for engaging in unethical conduct or practice harmful or detrimental to the public and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.

8. Respondent agrees to submit a civil penalty in the amount of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the Iowa Dental Board within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order made payable to Treasurer, State of Iowa.

9. Respondent shall disclose this Agreement to all current and future employers who employ her as either a dental assistant or dental hygienist for five (5) years from the date of this Order. Respondent shall report back to the Board with signed statements from all current employers within fourteen (14) days of the date of this Agreement, and thereafter within fourteen (14) days of any new employment relationship, indicating the employer has read and understands this Agreement.

### **FINAL ORDER**

10. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.
11. By entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing and waives any objections to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.
12. Respondent understands that by entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, she cannot obtain a copy of the investigative file. Under Iowa Code section 272C.6(4), a copy of the investigative file may only be provided to a licensee after a Statement of Charges is filed but before the final resolution of those charges.
13. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.
14. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter.

15. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this Agreement to the Board and may have *ex parte* communications with the Board while presenting it.
16. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order becomes public record available for inspection and copying upon execution of this agreement in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Chapters 17, 22 and 272C.
17. Respondent understands that the Board will report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
18. Respondent acknowledges that no member of the Board, nor any employee, nor attorney for the Board, has coerced, intimidated, or pressured her, in any way whatsoever, to execute this Order.
19. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.
20. The Board's approval of this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

  
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Marquita M. Harris, Q.D.A.  
Respondent

This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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