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Christine Elizabeth Atchison
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Atchison:

The Board of Nursing has received a complaint alleging that you may have represented yourself as a "nurse." In review of the complaint received, it has been identified that you have used the credentials "RN" on correspondence while employed with Billing Solutions in Prescott, Arizona, when in fact you do not hold an Arizona nursing license and your Oklahoma nursing license was voluntarily surrendered effective February 5, 2010. The Arizona Board of Nursing also that your California RN nursing license was revoked effective August 28, 2014, based on Oklahoma's disciplinary action.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, graduate, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or practical nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

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

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

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The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse (RN).

Be advised that the Board, will forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado, at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.
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