BEFORE THE DENTAL BOARD OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

RHONDA R. THOMASSON, R.D.A., RESPONDENT

NEWTON, IOWA

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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 Rhonda R. Thomasson, R.D.A. (Respondent), on July 13, 2012, 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 Q01598 to practice dental assisting in the state of Iowa on July 1, 1982.

3. Respondent's Iowa dental assisting registration is current and will expire on August 31, 2013.

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 153.34(4) (2011) with repeated violation of chapter 153 and the rules of the Board by performing services which exceed the scope of practice granted to a dental assistant in violation of Iowa Administrative Code 650 20.3(2)(e).

STATEMENT OF MATTERS ASSERTED

6. Iowa law requires that a person engaged in the practice of dental assisting to only practice in the areas for which they have received training pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.3(1).

7. Iowa law prohibits assistants from rendering certain services, one of which is removal of any plaque, stain, or hard natural or synthetic material except by toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish, or removal of any calculus pursuant to Iowa Code Section 20.3(2)(e).

8. Respondent told a Board investigator that she routinely removed plaque and calculus with hand instruments other than a toothbrush, floss, or rubber cup coronal polish.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is hereby **CITED** for repeatedly performing services which exceed the scope of practice granted to a dental assistant and **WARNED** that future violations may result in further disciplinary action.

9. Respondent agrees to submit a civil penalty in the amount of one hundred dollars ($100.00) to the Iowa Dental Board within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order made payable to Treasurer, State of Iowa, and deposited in the general fund.

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 on the allegations contained in the Statement of Matters Asserted, 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 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 understands that the Board will report this Order to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

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 17A, 22 and 272C.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. The Board's approval of this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

Rhonda Thomasson

Rhonda R. Thomasson, R.D.A.
Respondent

This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board on July 13, 2012.

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