

1 hearing, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review, or
2 any other administrative, and/or judicial action concerning the matters set forth herein.
3 Respondent affirmatively agrees that this Consent Agreement shall be irrevocable and any
4 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved by
5 the parties in writing.

6 3. Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part
7 of this agreement under A.R.S. §§ 32-3552 and 32-3553. Respondent understands that the
8 Board may consider this Consent Agreement or any part of it in any future disciplinary action
9 against him.

10 4. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement does not constitute a
11 dismissal or resolution of other matters currently pending before the Board, *if any*, and does not
12 constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction
13 regarding any other pending or future investigation, action, or proceeding.

14 5. All admissions Respondent makes in this Consent Agreement are made solely
15 for the final disposition of case numbers 2019-RCE-0023, and any related administrative
16 proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Respondent further
17 understands that acceptance of the Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency,
18 subdivision, or officer of this state from instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with
19 respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Consent Agreement.

20 6. Respondent acknowledges that it is the Board's position that if this matter
21 proceeded to formal hearing, the Board could likely establish sufficient evidence to support a
22 conclusion that certain of Respondent's conduct constituted unprofessional conduct under
23 A.R.S. § 32-3552 and A.A.C. R4-45-214. Therefore, Respondent has agreed to enter into this
24 Consent Agreement as an economical and practical means of resolving the issues associated
25 with the Board's investigation.

26 7. The Consent Agreement shall be subject to approval by the Board and shall be

1 effective only when signed by the Executive Director and accepted by the Board. In the event
2 that the Board does not approve this Consent Agreement, it is withdrawn and shall be of no
3 evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any action by any party. The
4 parties agree that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and this case proceeds to hearing,
5 Respondent shall assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of
6 this document or any other records relating thereto.

7 8. Respondent understands that this Consent Agreement is a public record that may
8 be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board.

9 9. Respondent understands that any violation of this Consent Agreement could be
10 grounds for further disciplinary action by the Board pursuant to A.A.C. R4-45-214(3).

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12 DATED: 7/14/19

13 SIGNED: 
14 RCP Karen Andrews, Respondent

15 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

16 1. The Arizona State Board of Respiratory Care Examiners is the duly constituted
17 agency for licensing and regulating of the practice of respiratory care in the State of Arizona and
18 has jurisdiction over Respondent as a licensee of the Board and the subject matter pursuant to
19 A.R.S. § 32-3501, *et seq.*

20 2. Karen Andrews, RCP, is the holder of License Number 006222, which enables
21 her to practice respiratory care in the State of Arizona.

22 3. Respondent was selected for a Continuing Education Audit pursuant to A.A.C.
23 R4-45-208. Respondent did not comply with the Board's request for the Continuing Education
24 Audit on or before the date specified in the audit notice and failed to submit proof of five (5) live
25 Continuing Education Units to the Board. Respondent was unable to produce documentation
26 showing she had obtained twenty hours of approved continuing education as required by law and

1 has failed to demonstrate compliance with the continuing education requirement mandated for
2 Respondent's last renewal period.

3 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4 1. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary
5 action pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3552(A)(1) and (3) and violate the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-
6 3501(9)(i) which states, "Any conduct or practice which is contrary to recognized standards of
7 ethics of the respiratory therapy profession or any conduct or practice which does or might
8 constitute a danger to the health, welfare or safety of the patient or the public."

9 2. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary
10 action pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3552(A)(1) and (3) and violate the provisions of A.R.S. § 32-
11 3501(9)(k), which states, "Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in
12 or abetting the violation of or conspiring to violate a provision of this chapter."

13 3. The conduct described in the Findings of Fact constitute grounds for disciplinary
14 action pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-3552(A)(1) and (3) and violate the provisions of A.A.C. R4-45-
15 214 (2) which states, "Procuring or attempting to procure by fraud or misrepresentation a license
16 or renewal of a license to practice respiratory care."

17 **ORDER**

18 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT** Karen Andrews, RCP, holder of License No.
19 006222 shall be subject to the following:

20 1. Respondent shall pay a non-disciplinary **CIVIL PENALTY** for \$25.00 per
21 missing continuing education hour in the total amount of **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY**
22 **FIVE DOLLARS (\$125.00)** for failing to complete five (5) live continuing education hours
23 within the required renewal period. This Civil Penalty shall be paid to the Arizona State Board of
24 Respiratory Care Examiners by no later than **NINETY (90) DAYS** from the effective date of this
25 Order. If Respondent is experiencing a financial hardship that requires payment of the Civil
26 Penalty in increments or an extension of the Civil Penalty due date, please contact the Board

1 offices at (602) 542-5995 to make alternative arrangements NO LATER THAN THIRTY (30)
2 DAYS from the effective date of this Order.

3 2. Respondent shall submit **FIVE (5) LIVE HOURS** of approved continuing
4 education no later than **NINETY (90) DAYS** from the effective date of this Order. All costs
5 associated with complying with the terms of this Order are to be paid by Respondent. These
6 continuing education units shall be in addition to the normal continuing education units required
7 for the current license renewal period

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11 SEAL



ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE

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Jack Confer, Executive Director

13 DATED THIS 15th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

14 Original Consent Agreement for Findings
15 of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Non-
16 Disciplinary Order filed this
15th day of April, 2019 with the:

17 Arizona Board of Respiratory Examiners
18 1740 West Adams Street, Suite 3406
19 Phoenix, AZ 85007

20 Copy of the foregoing sent by electronic
21 and regular mail this 15th day
22 of April, 2019 to:

23 Karen Andrews, RCP
24 Address on Record
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