

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF
PHYSICAL AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:)	CASE NUMBER: OTA 99-012
)	
SHARON MARTINEZ,)	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
License No. 196-00518)	AND FINAL ORDER
)	
Respondent.)	

COMES NOW the Board of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners of the State of Iowa ("Board") and Sharon Martinez ("Respondent"), and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), enter into the following settlement of the contested case currently on file against the Respondent:

1. The Respondent was issued license number 196-00518 to practice as an occupational therapy assistant in the state of Iowa on October 15, 1998, as recorded in the permanent records in the office of the Board. Respondent's license lapsed on July 15, 2001.

2. A Statement of Charges was filed against the Respondent on November 16, 2001. A contested case hearing is currently scheduled for August 23, 2002.

3. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of the Statement of Charges.

4. Upon the Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement, the Respondent shall surrender her Iowa license to practice as an occupational therapy assistant. The Respondent shall forward the original license certificate to the Board office not more than ten (10) calendar days following the Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement. Respondent acknowledges that said surrender shall have the same force

and effect as an order of revocation.

5. This Settlement Agreement is voluntarily submitted by the Respondent to the Board for its consideration. By entering into this agreement, the Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, and waives any objections to the terms of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

6. This Settlement Agreement constitutes resolution of a contested case proceeding and is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board does not approve this agreement it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

7. The Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the board on August 23rd, 2002.