

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

Amber Nicole Devine, RDH
(License Number 9520)

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**ORDER SUMMARILY
SUSPENDING LICENSE**

Pursuant to G.S. 150B-3(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) finds that the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency action and hereby summarily suspends License Number 9520 issued to Amber Nicole Devine, RDH (Respondent), effective upon service of this Order. This action is being taken based on the following evidence and information: Specifically, on April 6, 2016, Ms. Amber Nicole Devine, had a working interview for a dental hygiene position in a private dental office. Two members of the staff reported to the office manager that Ms. Devine smelled of alcohol. One staff member looked in Ms. Devine's personal bag and found a bottle with a clear liquid. The bottle was brought to the office manager and she confirmed that it was alcohol. When confronted by the office manager, Ms. Devine stated that she forgot she had it in her bag, and explained that it was from the night before.

A background check revealed that Ms. Devine had been found guilty of Driving While Impaired on February 20, 2012.

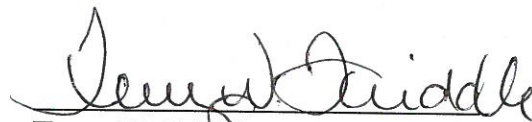
On July 14, 2016, in a meeting with the Investigative Panel, Respondent agreed to obtain a substance abuse assessment. Respondent subsequently failed to comply with the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners'

request and recommendation that she undergo a substance abuse assessment through the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals Program (CDP). Despite the efforts of the Investigative Panel and the CDP, Respondent refuses to follow through with the assessment citing financial concerns. Based on the information received, the Board finds and concludes that Respondent constitutes a threat to the public health, safety or welfare, requiring the prompt suspension of her license. Therefore, Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of dental hygiene in North Carolina and surrender her license and current renewal certificate pending further order of the Board.

Formal proceedings in this matter will be commenced and determined promptly if Respondent submits a written request for a formal hearing to the Board. Absent such a written request, a formal hearing will be scheduled as soon as practicable. Respondent will be served with a Notice of Hearing containing the allegations to be heard in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b).

This the 15th day of September, 2016.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry W. Friddle", written over a horizontal line.

Terry W. Friddle
Director of Investigations

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

I, Amber Nicole Devine, RDH, hereby accept service of the Order Summarily Suspending my dental hygiene license number 9620 dated September 15, 2016 (Order) in North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Amber Nicole Devine, RDH. I freely and voluntarily waive any required service of this Order by any other legal means to become effective.

This the _____ day of _____, 2016.

Amber Nicole Devine, RDH- Signature