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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of)
Merideth R. Nitzel, M.D.)
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Kansas License No.: 04-28036)
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KSBHA Docket No. 12-HA00031

FINAL ORDER GRANTING CHANGE OF LICENSE DESIGNATION

NOW on this 21st day of October 2011, comes before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") the Application of Merideth R. Nitzel, M.D. ("Licensee") for Change of Designation/Type to an active license. Licensee appears in person and *pro se*. Jessica Bryson, Associate Litigation Counsel, appears on behalf of the Board.

Pursuant to the authority granted to Board by K.S.A. 65-2801 *et seq.* and in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.*, the Board hereby enters this Final Order in the above-captioned matter. After reviewing the file, hearing the statements and arguments of the parties, and being otherwise duly advised in the premises, the Board makes the following findings, conclusions and order:

1. Merideth R. Nitzel, M.D. ("Licensee"), is licensed to engage in the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of Kansas, License No. 04-28036, and has been so licensed since approximately February 13, 1999.
2. On or about June 20, 2005, Licensee's license was changed to an exempt designation at her request.
3. Since 1999, Licensee has practiced as a charitable provider and treated family and friends on a limited basis.

4. On or about July 27, 2011, Licensee submitted to the Board an application for change of designation/type to an active license. Such application was deemed complete and filed with the Board on September 26, 2011.

5. Licensee has submitted detailed information regarding her recent continuing education activities, including her recertification by the American Board of Pediatrics in 2005.

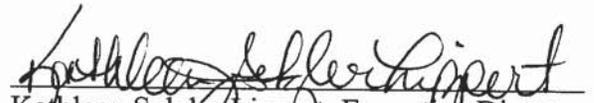
6. In anticipation of her re-entry into active practice, Licensee has been shadowing a pediatrician in Overland Park, Kansas to re-familiarize herself with pediatric practice.

7. Licensee intends to practice pediatrics with Olathe Medical Services, Inc. in a group setting. During her re-entry into practice, her employer will monitor Licensee through chart reviews and peer review. Additionally, an experienced physician will be on site when Licensee is working.

8. Licensee has satisfactorily demonstrated that she has the present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS that effective October 21, 2011, Licensee is hereby granted a change of designation/type of license to an active license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 21st DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.


Kathleen Selzler Lippert, Executive Director
Kansas State Board of Healing Arts

Prepared by:


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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service, and service of a Final Order is complete upon mailing. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529, Licensee may petition the Board for Reconsideration of a Final Order within fifteen (15) days following service of the final order. Additionally, a party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court, as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within **30 days** following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Kathleen Selzler Lippert, the Board's Executive Director, at 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Final Order** was served this 21st day of November, 2011 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and addressed to:

Merideth R. Nitzel, M.D.
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Stilwell, Kansas 66085

And a copy was hand-delivered to:

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