NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

REGINA STEFIC, P.A.

STATEMENT OF

CHARGES

REGINA STEFIC, P.A. the Respondent, was authorized to practice as a registered physician assistant in New York State on or about December 16, 2002, by the issuance of license number 009178 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about August 7, 2023, the North Carolina Medical Board (North Carolina Board) issued a Consent Order in which the Respondent's license to practice as a physician assistant was indefinitely suspended. The Respondent was required to meet with the North Carolina Board for an investigative review when requested and was required to provide the North Carolina Board with any information needed to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order. The North Carolina Board imposed discipline upon Respondent based on Respondent from May of 2021 to July of 2021 called in 3 prescriptions for Phentermine, a schedule IV-controlled substance for an immediate family member using a colleague's name and credentials. The colleague had never seen Respondent's family member as a patient, did not authorize Respondent to call in the prescription and was unaware Respondent had done so until he was notified by pharmacy staff. From July 2019 to October 2021

Respondent prescribed Phentermine 57 times to immediate family members using Respondent's name and DEA number. Respondent did not have established licensee-patient relationship or prepare medical record documentation for the immediate family members.

- B. Respondent's conduct as described above would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of the State of New York as follows:
 - New York Education Law §6530 (2) (practicing the profession fraudulently or beyond its authorized scope) and/or ((3) (negligence on more than one occasion).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

- C. Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state (namely N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530 (2) and/or (32) as alleged in the facts of the following:
 - 1. The facts in Paragraph A and B.

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> Jeffe JJ. Conklin Deputy Director Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct