

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR :
REVOCATION OF THE CERTIFICATION OF : ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
:
Natasha M. Schenck, C.H.H.A. :
Certificate No. 26NH02958500 :
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TO PRACTICE AS A :
HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

FILED
FINAL ORDER OF
DISCIPLINE
MAY 06 2018
N.J. BOARD OF NURSING

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and upon which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Natasha Schenck ("Respondent") is a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. The Board received information indicating that Respondent was arrested on January 29, 2015 by the Moorestown Township Police Department for Credit Card Theft, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-6C(1). It was alleged that Respondent stole a credit card from the roommate of a patient Respondent was assigned to care for. Respondent pled guilty and on April 2,

2015 and was convicted of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3A and sentenced to one (1) year probation, restitution of \$2606.59 and fifty (50) hours of community service.

3. Respondent sent the Board a letter dated August 9, 2015, which stated that the incident was a lie and that she pled not guilty. Respondent also provided the Board with a New Jersey Bail Recognizance Form.

4. Respondent has been convicted of a crime relating adversely to the practice of homemaker-home health aide practice which provides a basis for disciplinary action under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

DISCUSSION

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of discipline seeking a five year suspension and a two thousand five hundred dollar (\$2500) civil penalty was entered on August 25, 2015. A copy was served on Respondent via regular and certified mail to her last known address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be

modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefore.

Respondent replied to the Provisional Order by providing a letter to the Board apologizing for her mistake, pleading for the Board to consider that she does not have a support system and cannot afford to have her license suspended. She also related that she loves caring for others. She indicated that her questionable judgment was due to her failure to take her medication. Respondent also provided a mental health outpatient treatment plan that she was undergoing.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as the Respondent did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. Respondent was convicted of a crime adverse to the practice of being a certified homemaker-home health aide.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6th day of May, 2016,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's certificate to practice as a homemaker-home health aide is hereby suspended for a period of five (5) years.

2. Respondent shall refrain from engaging in the practice as a homemaker-home health aide and shall not represent herself as a homemaker-home health aide until such time as her certification is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to such reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice.

3. Respondent is assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2500). Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to Twalema Khonje, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of a FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE. In the event Respondent fails to make a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

4. Respondent shall, within 5 (five) days, mail her certificate, wall and wallet version, to practice as a homemaker-home health aide to Twalema Khonje, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

5. Prior to any application for reinstatement, which shall occur no earlier than five (5) years of the filed date of this Final Order of Discipline, Respondent shall appear before the Board and demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Board, that she has satisfied all criminal sentencing terms and penalties and that she is fit and competent and can safely engage in practice as a homemaker-home health aide.

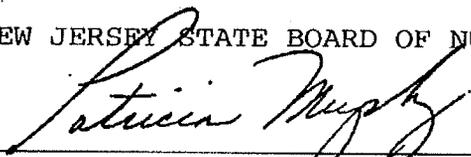
6. If Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide is reinstated, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions on licensure it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

7. Any violation of this order by Respondent shall constitute grounds for such proceedings as are permitted by law.

8. The Board reserves the right to initiate disciplinary proceedings based upon new information the Board receives.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:



Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
President