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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	:	Administrative Action
CERTIFICATION OF	:	
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Dionne Eke	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
Certification # 26NH14779400	:	OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
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TO PRACTICE AS A HOMEMAKER-HOME	:	
HEALTH AIDE IN THE STATE OF	:	
NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Dionne Eke ("Respondent"), a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey, was arrested on or about 10/01/2016 for Theft by Unlawful Taking, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:2-3. It is alleged that Respondent took \$31,938.75 from her patient by making several unauthorized charges on the patient's credit/debit cards as well as using a blank check

belonging to the patient and writing an unauthorized amount or money titled "Loan" that Respondent did not pay back to the patient.

The allegations, if proven, would disqualify Respondent from certification under N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3, demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting crimes or offenses which relate adversely to the activity regulated by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) and professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), providing bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's certification.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily surrendering her certification, to be deemed a suspension, without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown;

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 28th day of October, 2016,

ORDERED:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave to voluntarily surrender her certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey to be deemed an interim suspension, pending the disposition of the criminal charges against her, satisfaction of any criminal sentencing terms

imposed upon her and further order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward her homemaker-home health aide certificate, both wallet and wall versions, to Twalema Khonje, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a certified homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey and/or practicing as a certified homemaker-home health aide, which includes but is not limited to performing delegated nursing regimens or nursing tasks delegated through the authority of a duly licensed professional nurse pending further order of the Board.

3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent, nor prejudice her ability to defend against the criminal charges.

4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the homemaker-home health aide practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, this matter and any pending matters under investigation.

5. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above or upon disposition of the criminal matter, including, but not limited to, action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-24.3 in the event of Respondent's conviction of a disqualifying crime.

6. In the event that Respondent seeks reinstatement of her New Jersey certification in the future, Respondent shall:

- a. Furnish the Board with documentation of the disposition of the criminal charges against her and successful completion of all criminal sentencing terms (if any).
- b. Appear before the Board to discuss her readiness to reenter practice as a homemaker-home health aide.
- c. Provide the Board with evidence of her rehabilitation and that he is capable of discharging the functions of a certificate holder in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare.

7. The Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's certification to practice as a homemaker-home health aide in the State of New Jersey in

the event that her certification is reinstated.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

Patricia Murphy
Patricia Murphy, PhD., APN, FAAN
President

I have read and understand
the above Consent Order and
I agree to abide by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to the
Board to enter this Order.

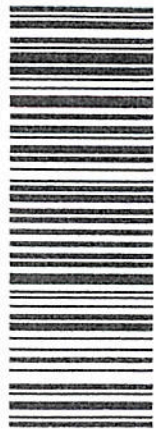
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