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## STATE OF NEW JERSEY

## DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE



## **CONSENT ORDER NO. 19-51891-43**

In the Matter of		)	CONSENT ORDER
	Robin L. Pingue	)	
	538 Kipp Street	)	
	Teaneck, New Jersey 07666	)	
Respondent.		)	

THIS MATTER having been opened by the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey, upon information indicating that Respondent, Robin L. Pingue, currently residing at 538 Kipp Street, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Robin L. Pingue, did knowingly remove prescriptions from her employer's office, forged the signature of medical providers, and obtained unauthorized prescription medications from various pharmacies on thirty-six separate occasions which were submitted to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield for payment; and

WHEREAS, the above conduct constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., and any future violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., shall be considered to be a second offense; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has been informed that she has a right to notice and to request a hearing, in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.), on the violation alleged herein before a civil and administrative penalty is imposed; and

WHEREAS, Respondent understands these rights and has voluntarily waived the right to notice and to a formal legal proceeding in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Respondent consents to pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$500.00, the total amount of \$10,500.00 being due immediately by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance" and acknowledges restitution in the amount of \$107.27 payable to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey, c/o Candyce Knowles, P.O. Box 200145, Newark, New Jersey 07102-0303. This signed order and the payment shall be returned to Managing Investigator, Craig E. Leshner, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, PO Box 326, Trenton, New Jersey 08625; and

WHEREAS, the penalties of this Consent Order are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the matter is suitable for resolution upon the consent of the parties and that Respondent and the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence desire to terminate this matter without further hearing or litigation, and for further good cause appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS day of Notember, 2019,
ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$10,000.00 is imposed on Respondent, Robin L. Pingue.
- 2. Respondent is bound to pay restitution in the amount of \$107.27 to Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey.
- 3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance, a surcharge equal to five (5%) percent of the settlement amount, which is \$500.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.
- 4. Respondent consents to the entry of this final administrative order. Respondent understands that this final administrative order may be docketed with the Clerk of the Superior Court as provided in the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10 et seq.).

5. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of Investigations, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.

MARLENE CARIDE COMMISSIONER DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

By:

RICHARD BESSER

CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS

**BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE** 

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

Robin L. Pingue, Respondent

Dated: