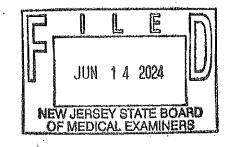
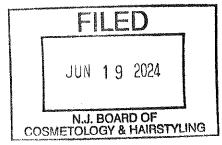
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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND
HAIRSTYLING

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY AND THE UNLICENSED PRACTICE OF COSMETOLOGY AND HAIRSTYLING

RASHA ABDUL N. BASUF SKYNS SPA L.L.C. a/k/a SKYN SPA L.L.C. License # 32WE00116800 Administrative Action

FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners and the State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling (collectively, the "Boards") upon receipt of information alleging that Rasha Abdul N. Basuf ("Respondent Basuf") through her shop, Skyns Spa L.L.C. a/k/a Skyn Spa L.L.C. ("Respondent Skyn Spa") was engaging in aesthetic services that require specialized training and a professional license. Respondent Basuf is neither a licensed cosmetologist nor a physician and has never held any type of professional license with the Boards.

Respondent Skyn Spa previously held a skin care specialty shop license, License Number 32WE00116800, with the New Jersey State Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling ("Cosmetology Board"), which was surrendered on or around March 11, 2024. Respondent Basuf was the owner of Respondent Skyn Spa, which was previously located at 165 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey 07011.

The Boards make the following Findings of Fact, which Respondents neither admit nor deny:

- On March 31, 2023, the Enforcement Bureau ("EB") conducted an inspection of Respondent Skyn Spa, which advertised a wide array of aesthetic services, including many that require a professional license to perform.
- 2. When the EB investigators interviewed Respondent Basuf, she confirmed ownership and reported performing various services such as teeth whitening, body contouring, laser hair removal, eyelash extensions, conventional and permanent makeup, skin care therapies, among other services offered at Skyn Spa. She stated that microblading and microneedling services offered at Respondent Skyn Spa were performed by a nurse named Lenora whose qualifications and contact information she could not provide.
- 3. During the inspection, EB investigators observed pharmaceuticals, equipment and medical supplies inside the shop, including disposable syringes, butterfly needles, an ultrasound and other machines, lidocaine, and benzoyl peroxide, among other things.

- 4. At the conclusion of the inspection, EB investigators informed Respondent Basuf that Respondent Skyn Spa could not remain open providing the unlicensed services, including ones that require a medical license to perform.
- On or around April 29, 2023, Respondent Skyn Spa applied for a skin care specialty shop license from the Cosmetology Board.
- On June 6, 2023, an EB investigator inspected Respondent Skyn Spa as part of the skin care specialty shop application process.
- During the inspection, an EB investigator observed that the medical equipment and supplies had been removed from Respondent Skyn Spa.
- 8. Given this and that it appeared that Respondents Basuf and Skyn Spa were no longer offering services that would exceed the scope of a skin care specialty shop, the EB investigator gave Respondent Skyn Spa a satisfactory shop inspection grade. Respondent Skyn Spa was issued a skin care specialty license on June 20, 2023, which permitted it to offer and to have its licensed employees perform waxing, eyelashes, conventional makeup and skin care facials.
- 9. On December 19, 2023, EB investigators conducted another inspection of Respondent Skyn Spa and discovered evidence that Respondents Basuf and Skyn Spa were again offering and performing services outside of its approved scope as a skin care specialty shop, including those services that require other professional licenses. The medical equipment and supplies that had been removed before the June 6, 2023 inspection had been returned. Respondent Basuf admitted to the EB investigators that Respondent Skyn Spa was still offering services outside of its approved scope as a skin care specialty shop and that the business was offering

- platelet rich plasma ("PRP") facials. At the conclusion of the inspection, EB investigators informed Respondent Basuf that she had to close Respondent Skyn Spa, which was exceeding the scope of its license.
- 10. Respondents Skyn Spa and Basuf also maintained a social media presence in addition to its physical location in Clifton. They had a Facebook account called "Skyn Spa by Rasha" which advertised several services which may not be performed by a licensed cosmetologist in a skin care specialty shop because the treatments require highly specialized training and a separate professional license. Other services Respondents advertised are explicitly prohibited by the cosmetology statute, such as teeth whitening, body contouring, and any services that use devices that affect the living cells beneath the stratum corneum of the skin.
- 11. Respondent Skyn Spa was dissolved on February 6, 2024, and it surrendered its skin care specialty license on March 11, 2024 to the Cosmetology Board. Respondent Skyn Spa is currently closed and not offering any services to the public.
- 12. Many of the services that Respondent Skyn Spa offered significantly exceeded the scope of services allowed to be offered and performed pursuant to Respondent Skyn Spa's skin care specialty license violating N.J.A.C. 13:28-1.1(a)(4). These services include, but are not limited to, body contouring, laser hair removal, teeth whitening and permanent makeup. Further, numerous services constituted prohibited practices pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:28-2.15(b).

The Findings, if proven, would establish that Respondent Basuf's business engaged in conduct that constituted the unlicensed practice of medicine in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-5.1 and N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, and that Respondent Basuf also performed conventional makeup and skin care

therapy services which constitute the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling defined in N.J.S.A. 45:5B-3(j)(4). As Respondent Basuf has never held any license from the Cosmetology Board, the alleged conduct as described herein, if proven, would violate N.J.S.A. 45:5B-7 and N.J.S.A. 45:1-18.2.

The parties, desiring to resolve this matter without the need for a hearing, and it appearing that Respondents Basuf and Skyn Spa have read the terms of the within Final Consent Order and, having availed themselves of the advice of counsel, understand their meaning and effect and consent to be bound by same, and the Boards finding that the within disposition adequately protects the public health, safety and welfare, and for good cause shown,

IT IS, therefore, on this 14th day of 50NE, 2024
ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondents, Rasha Abdul N. Basuf and Skyn Spa, shall cease and desist from advertising, offering for sale and engaging in any services that constitute the practice of medicine and surgery at 165 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey or any other location in New Jersey. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf shall not hold herself out as qualified to practice medicine and surgery within the State of New Jersey.
- 2. Respondents, Rasha Abdul N. Basuf and Skyn Spa, shall cease and desist from advertising, offering for sale and engaging in the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling at 165 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey or any other location in New Jersey. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf shall not hold herself out as qualified to perform any service that constitutes the practice of cosmetology and hairstyling.

- 3. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf is barred from seeking a skin care specialty shop license from the Cosmetology Board for a period of ten (10) years from the date of entry of this Final Consent Order.
- 4. Respondents, Rasha Abdul N. Basuf and Skyn Spa, shall not engage in any of the conduct explicitly prohibited by N.J.A.C. 13:28-2.15 at 165 Lakeview Avenue, Clifton, New Jersey or any other location in New Jersey.
- 5. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf is assessed a civil penalty by the Medical Board in the amount of \$7,500.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18.2.
- 6. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf is assessed a civil penalty by the Cosmetology Board in the amount of \$2,500.00, pursuant to N.J.S.A, 45:1-18.2.
- 7. Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf shall pay the aggregate penalty of \$10,000.00 in twenty-four equal monthly installments totaling \$416.67 each, as set forth below. Each payment shall be due on the first business day of each month, commencing July 1, 2024. In the event that a monthly payment is not received within fourteen (14) days of its due date, the entire balance shall become due and owing. Respondents may prepay at any time. Interest on all financial assessments shall accrue in accordance with Rule of Court 4:42-11.
- 8. Payment of the \$7,500.00 00 to the Medical Board shall be divided into twenty-four (24) equal monthly payments of \$312.50 and shall be made by bank check, money order, wire transfer or credit card made payable to the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners and mailed to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, Attention: Antonia Winstead, Executive Director, 140 East Front St., 2nd Floor, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, NJ 08608.
- 9. Payment of the \$2,500.00 to the Cosmetology Board shall be divided into twenty-four equal monthly payments of \$104.17 and shall be made by bank check, money order, wire

transfer or credit card made payable to the New Jersey Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling, Attention: Jay A. Malanga, Executive Director, Board of Cosmetology and Hairstyling, 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, P.O. Box 45003, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

- 10. Any payment in a form other than those noted will be rejected and returned to the sender.
- 11. Certificates of Debt reflecting the amounts currently due and owing to each Board shall be filed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 to protect the judgment.
- pharmaceutical products used by and/or in the possession of Respondent Rasha Abdul N. Basuf and Skyn Spa shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable law. At such time, Respondent Basuf shall also provide the Office of the Attorney General with a written certification in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Attorney General in his sole discretion, attesting to the disposition of the pharmaceutical products including the date of disposition, the person or entity given possession and whether such products were disposed of in compliance with the applicable laws.
- and supplies in the possession of and/or used by Respondents Rasha Abdul N. Basuf and Skyn Spa including, but not limited to, centrifuge, syringes, blood containers, various PENS and other equipment shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable law. Respondent Basuf shall provide the Office of the Attorney General with a written certification in a form reasonably satisfactory to the Attorney General in his sole discretion, attesting to the disposition of the equipment and supplies including the date of disposition, the person or entity given possession, the name or description of the item given to such person or entity and whether such equipment and supplies were disposed of in compliance with the applicable laws.

Failure to comply with the terms set forth above in paragraphs 12 and 13 will render 14. this Final Consent Order null and void as if it had never been entered and the Attorney General

reserves the right avail itself of all other remedies against Respondents.

15. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Final Consent Order may result in

further disciplinary action, upon notice in accordance with applicable law, and any additional

sanction determined by the Boards to be appropriate based on the conduct found.

16. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Final Consent Order is without

prejudice to further action, investigation, and prosecution by the Boards, the Attorney General, the

Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs or other law enforcement resulting from Respondents

Basuf and Skyn Spa's conduct.

17. Respondents enter into this Final Consent Order knowingly and voluntarily and

acknowledge that there have been no other representations or agreements not stated in writing

herein.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL

EXAMINERS

Otto Sabando, D.O.

Board President

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF

COSMETOLOGY AND HAIRSTYLING

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President Boal

I have read the within Final Consent Order, understand its terms and agree to be bound by them.

Rasha Abdul N. Basuf	Dated:	5/24/2024	
I have read the within Final Consent Order, understand its terms and agree to be bound by them.			
Skyns Spa L.L.C.	Dated:	5/24/2024	
Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Final Consent Order.			·
Christopher Salloum Christopher Salloum, Esq. Attorney for the Respondents	Dated:	5/24/2024	

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

All Orders filed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are "government records" as defined under the Open Public Records Act and are available for public inspection, copying or Examination. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3). Should any inquiry be made to the Board concerning the status of a licensee who has been the subject of a Board Order, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the Order and a copy will be provided on request. Unless sealed or otherwise confidential, all documents filed in public actions taken against licensees, to include documents filed or introduced into evidence in evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications conducted as public hearings, and the transcripts of any such proceedings, are "government records" available for public inspection, copying or examination.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, a description of any final board disciplinary action taken within the most recent ten years is included on the New Jersey Health Care Profile maintained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for all licensed physicians. Links to copies of Orders described thereon are also available on the Profile website. See http://www.njdoctorlist.com.

Copies of disciplinary Orders entered by the Board are additionally posted and available for inspection or download on the Board of Medical Examiners' website.

See http://niconsumeraffairs.gov/bme.

Pursuant to federal law, the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (the "NPDB") certain adverse licensure actions taken against licensees related to professional competence or conduct, generally including the revocation or suspension of a license; reprimand; censure; and/or probation. Additionally, any negative action or finding by the Board under New Jersey law, is publicly available information is reportable to the NPDB, to include, without limitation, limitations on scope of practice and final adverse actions that occur in conjunction with settlements in which no finding of liability has been made, Additional information regarding the specific actions which the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank can be found in the NPDB Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2015. http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbguidebook.pdf.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, in any case in which the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, the Board is required to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders entered by the Board is provided to the Federation on a monthly basis.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue press releases including information regarding public actions taken by the Board.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division of Consumer Affairs or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.