

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION**



IN THE MATTER OF: DEANNA MULLIKIN Respondent.	
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NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE

To: Deanna Mullikin
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In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Code § 2-509; the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a); and 17 DCMR § 4118, the District of Columbia Department of Health (D.C. Health) gives you notice of the summary suspension of your registered nursing license, RN1036268, under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a).

Your license is summarily suspended effective immediately upon receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license, you must file a request for a hearing within 72 hours after service of this notice. Should you request a hearing, one will be held within 72 hours of a timely request, and a decision will be rendered within 72 hours after the close of the hearing. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Senior Assistant General Counsel, D.C. Health. The request may be submitted by email to Panravee.Vongjaroenrat@dc.gov or by mail to 899 North Capital Street, N.E., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Ms. Vongjaroenrat can be reached at (202) 478-5746.

The District of Columbia (the District) is represented by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. A copy of your hearing request and any pleading or other written communication addressed to D.C. Health must also be delivered to Matthew F. Emmick, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 400 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 10100, Washington, D.C. 20001. You can reach AAG Emmick at (202) 821-6957 or by email at Matthew.Emmick@dc.gov.

You may appear personally at the hearing, and you may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence, to cross-examine witnesses against you, to examine evidence produced, and to have subpoenas issued to require the production of witnesses and evidence.

All hearings are conducted in the English language. If you or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment, or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the Administrative Law Judge for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

A request for a hearing will not stay the suspension of your registration.

The summary suspension is based on the charge as set forth below.

Charge: The State of Maryland suspended your license to practice as a registered nurse, for which D.C. Health can summarily suspend your registration under D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a)(1)(A).

On December 13, 2023, the Maryland State Board of Nursing (Maryland Board) summarily suspended your license to practice as a registered nurse in Maryland, License No. R155900, Case No. 23-BP-101. The Maryland Board summarily suspended your license after you failed to comply with the terms of the Maryland Board’s Safe Practice Program (SPP).

On or about August 2, 2022, the Maryland Board received a complaint from the Clinical Manager¹ of a staffing company based in Cincinnati, Ohio. At the time of the complaint, you were employed by the Staffing Agency and just started a new travel assignment at a hospital in Buffalo, NY.² The complaint explained that on July 7, 2022, the staffing company was notified that you were “terminated from her assignment due to strong suspicions that she had diverted narcotics and altered patient records on her first shift...Facility Investigation found that 2 dilaudid orders were placed on 2 patient records...Pyxis report and camera footage reveals [you] pull[ed] dilaudid 2 times for the same patient. Unit reports that 2 vials of dilaudid are unaccounted for[.]” You subsequently admitted to the Maryland Board that you took extra dilaudid from the pyxis for personal use.

Based on the complaint, you were given the opportunity to enter the Maryland Board’s SPP to address substance use disorder (SUD). On November 3, 2022, you entered an SPP agreement with the Maryland Board, which was to remain in effect for five years, and included a number of provisions to address SUD,

¹ To maintain confidentiality, the Maryland Board did not identify the names of individuals and facilities involved.

² At the time of the incident, the Respondent held a multistate nursing license from Maryland and was able to work in New York.

including regular testing and monitoring. And the SPP agreement imposed a number of conditions restricting your ability to practice.

After signing the SPP agreement, you failed to comply with its conditions, including by failing to notify the Board that you obtained licensure in two additional states; failing to submit work-site reports, self-reports, or treatment provider reports; failing to submit verification of attendance at support group meetings; and failing to comply with drug and alcohol testing.

On September 7, 2023, you were expelled from the SPP for non-compliance. As a result, on December 13, 2023, the Maryland Board summarily suspended your registered nursing license, finding you pose a serious risk and danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. To date, your Maryland registered nursing license is not reinstated within that jurisdiction.

Please note under 1 DCMR § 2818.1, your failure to appear at the time and place set for the hearing, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude D.C. Health's proceeding in this matter.

12.27.2023
DATE

Arian R. Gibson on behalf of
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