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Rita Odiaka

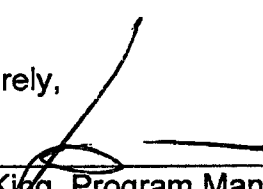
RE: **Summary Suspension**  
Rita Odiaka  
Certification # NA200023040

Enclosed is an Order of Summary Suspension, issued under authority of N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b). Specifically, it is alleged that at the Chelsea Senior Living at Forsgate, in Monroe Township, New Jersey, you abused, neglected, and mistreated a resident on October 19, 2021, when you worked as a certified nurse aide by pouring a bucket of water and juice on the resident's head.

As of your receipt of this Order, your nurse aide certification is no longer valid. You have thirty (30) days from the date you receive this notice to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health, as set forth in the enclosed Order. Please review the Order carefully. Failure to submit a timely written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be considered an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. In addition, even if you do appeal, your certification will remain suspended pending the issuance of a final agency decision, and therefore you cannot work as a certified nurse aide.

Should you have any questions regarding this Order, please contact Lisa King in the Office of Program Compliance at (609) 984-8128.

Sincerely,

  
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Lisa King, Program Manager  
Office of Program Compliance  
Division of Certificate of Need &  
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New Jersey Department of Health

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

<b>Rita Odiaka</b>	)	<b>ORDER OF SUMMARY</b>
<b>Certified Nurse Aide</b>	)	<b>SUSPENSION OF</b>
<b>Certification No. NA 200023040</b>	)	<b>NURSE AIDE CERTIFICATION</b>

**TO: Rita Odiaka**

**TAKE NOTICE** that, in accordance with the authority set forth in N.J.S.A. 26:1A-1 et seq., N.J.S.A. 26:2H-1 et seq., and the provisions set forth at N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), the New Jersey Department of Health (hereinafter, "the Department") hereby

**FINDS** that you, Rita Odiaka, Certification No. NA 200023040, are a certified nurse aide within the State of New Jersey, which certification entitles you to obtain and/or maintain employment at nursing homes and other long-term care health care facilities, where your duties include the provision of direct, hand-to-hand care to elderly, often vulnerable, residents of said nursing homes and other long-term care health care facilities; and the Department further

**FINDS** that credible evidence exists that, on October 19, 2021, you abused, neglected, and mistreated a long-term care resident when you worked as a certified nurse aide at Chelsea Senior Living at Forsgate, in Monroe Township, New Jersey. Specifically, it is alleged that an investigation resulted in evidence establishing that you poured a bucket of water and juice on top of a resident's head; and the Department further

**FINDS** that you pose an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, including residents of long term care facilities, assisted living facilities and other licensed health care facilities or agencies, including home health agencies that provide in-home care, and that you shall be immediately suspended from eligibility for employment as a nurse aide, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b).

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby administratively

**ORDERED** that your certification to work as a certified nurse aide in a long-term care facility, assisted living facility and other licensed health care facility or agency, is

hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**, and your certification shall remain suspended until such time as the Department has completed its investigation into this matter; and it is further administratively

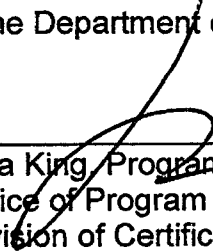
**ORDERED** that, in the interim, the Department will continue to investigate this matter. You will be notified when the Department has completed its investigation, at which time you will be advised of what action(s), if any, will be taken with respect to your nurse aide certification.

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.5(b), you have thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of this notice to request an expedited hearing to appeal this summary suspension to the Commissioner of the Department of Health. Any such hearing shall be conducted at the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law, and shall be conducted pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and N.J.S.A. 52:14F-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1-1 et seq. A request for an expedited hearing shall be made in writing and sent to:

Attention: OAL Expedited Hearing Requests  
Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance - Room 805  
New Jersey State Department of Health  
P.O. Box 360  
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0360

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of receipt of this Order shall be interpreted as notice and acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your nurse aide certification pending completion of the investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. In addition, even if you do appeal, please be advised that your certification will remain suspended pending the final agency decision, and therefore you cannot work as a certified nurse aide. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Department of Health at (609) 984-8128.

DATED: November 18, 2021

  
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Lisa King, Program Manager  
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