

IN THE MATTER
OF
THEODORE OKECHUKU, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER OF
SUMMARY
ACTION

TO: Theodore Okechuku, M.D.
#50818-000


The undersigned, Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that **Theodore Okechuku, M.D.**, Respondent, New York license number 216146, has pleaded or been found guilty or convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, federal law, or the law of another jurisdiction which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York State law, as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached to the Notice of Referral Proceeding or Notice of Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, or practice in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within ninety days of the service of this order and shall end within ninety days thereafter. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law

§230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding provided to the Respondent contemporaneously with this Order.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
July 5, 2016


Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D.
Commissioner of Health
New York State Department of Health

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STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

THEODORE OKECHUKU, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on October 26, 1999, by the issuance of license number 216146 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about October 16, 2015, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas, Respondent was found guilty, based on a jury verdict of guilty, of Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Outside the Scope of Professional Practice in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846, Using, Carrying, and Brandishing a Firearm During and in Relation to, and Possessing and Brandishing a Firearm in Furtherance of, a Drug Trafficking Crime in violation of 18. U.S. C. § 924(c)(1)(A)(ii), and Conspiracy to Use, Carry, and Brandish a Firearm During and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 924(o), all felonies. On or about March 30, 2016, Respondent was sentenced to 300 months in prison, 3 years of supervised release, a \$300.00 assessment, and forfeiture of the following assets: \$10,419.55 in funds seized from two Bank of America accounts in Respondent's name and \$68,967.38 in funds seized from a Bank of America account in the name of Medical Rehabilitation Clinic, Inc.

SPECIFICATIONS
FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(ii) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

DATED: July 5, 2016
Albany, New York


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