

**These charges are only allegations
which may be contested by the licensee
in an administrative hearing.**

IN THE MATTER
OF
CELIA MENDES, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

CELIA MENDES, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about February 29, 2000, by the issuance of license number 216864 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about October 6, 2021, the Respondent entered a Consent Order ("Order") with the North Carolina Medical Board ("NC Board"). The NC Board suspended the Respondent's North Carolina medical license for ninety days. Following the suspension, the Respondent's license was limited for a period of another ninety days. During that ninety-day period, the Respondent was ordered to only practice benign gynecology. The Order was based on the Respondent permitting an out of state physician, who was not licensed to practice medicine in North Carolina, to perform cosmetic medical procedures on patients at her medical practice in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

B. The conduct resulting in the NC Board's disciplinary action against the Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following section of New York State Law:

1. N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(11) (Permitting, aiding, or abetting an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license); and/or

2. N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(25) (Delegating professional responsibilities to a person when the licensee delegating such responsibilities knows or has reason to know that such person is not qualified, by training, by experience, or by licensure, to perform them).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having the Respondent's license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having the Respondent's application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered the Respondent's license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or B1 and/or B2.

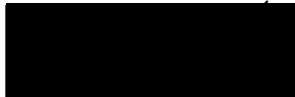
SECOND SPECIFICATION

HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or B1 and/or B2.

DATE: June 28, 2023
Albany, New York


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