

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
MAURA O'KEEFE, R.P.A.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

MAURA O'KEEFE, R.P.A., the Respondent, was authorized to practice as a physician assistant in New York State on or about August 26, 2008, by the issuance of registration number 012727 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about December 12, 2014, the State of Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health (hereinafter, "Nebraska Board") by an Order on Agreed Settlement, incorporated by reference an Agreed Settlement that placed Respondent's physician assistant's license on probation for five years with monitoring requirements and conditions which included, but not limited to, that Respondent shall abstain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances, other than those prescribed by an authorized licensed practitioner. The Agreed Settlement was based upon Respondent's admission that between August 2011 and February 2013, Respondent issued at least 38 prescriptions for controlled substances, Schedule II, for herself using her husband's prescription pad, and forging her husband's name on the prescriptions.

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

1. New York Education Law § 6530(2) (Practicing the profession fraudulently or beyond its authorized scope);
2. New York Education Law § 6530(3) (Practicing the profession with negligence on a particular occasion); and/or
3. New York Education Law § 6530 (8) (Being a habitual abuser of alcohol, or being dependent on or a habitual user of narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, hallucinogens, or other drugs having similar effects).

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN ANOTHER STATE**

Respondent violated New York State Education Law § 6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action involving the licensee would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State Law, in that Petitioner charges:

- I. The facts in Paragraphs A and B and B1, A and B and B2, and/or A and B and B3.

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