

## State of New Jersey

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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September 22, 2022

Governor SHEILA Y. OLIVER Lt. Governor

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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RRR

Tiara Soklove

Re: Notice of Revocation for Nurse Aide Certification Tiara Soklove vs. New Jersey Department of Health NA200025657 Agency Reference No. 21-13638

Dear Ms. Soklove:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under authority of federal law, imposes a requirement on state governments to ensure that nurse aides have the education and clinical skills necessary to care for residents of long term care facilities. See 42 C.F.R. Part 483. These regulations also require that each State maintain a nurse aide Registry pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156(c)(1)(iv).

The Certification Program of the New Jersey State Department of Health (Department) was notified of the results of an investigation in which there was sufficient information that you were charged with Theft of a vulnerable elderly person's property.

You were accused of theft of property that occurred on or about May 28, 2021 while you were employed as a certified nurse aide in a home health care worker capacity. Specifically, it is alleged that an investigation resulted in evidence establishing that you altered a check from two hundred dollars to two thousand dollars and cashed the check. The Ocean City Police Department charged you with Theft by Unlawful Taking under Complaint Number 0508 S 2021 000158. A person is disqualified from certification or renewing their certification as a nurse aide if they have been convicted of a crime involving theft as set forth in N.J.S.A. 2C:20-1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 8:43I-2.3.

The Department summarily suspended you on July 14, 2021. You failed to request a hearing regarding the suspension in the allotted time. The Department issued Right to Hearing letters on June 30, 2022. You failed to request a hearing in the allotted 30 days from the date of the Right to Hearing notice. The Department has not received any evidence that you did not receive the notices.

Therefore, please be advised that a finding of Theft will be placed next to your name on the Registry and will remain on the Registry permanently. Please also be advised that your certification is revoked.

Please surrender your nurse aide certificate and wallet card to:

Office of Program Compliance-Reporting 25 South Stockton Street, 3rd Floor Trenton, NJ 08625-0358

The certificate and the wallet card are no longer valid, and the status of your nurse aide certification is now revoked.

Please be advised that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:39-43.1(a)(1), only individuals who maintain a currently valid nurse aide certificate and are registered in good standing on the Registry are considered by the Department to be competent to work as a certified nurse aide in a licensed long term care facility. A certified nurse aide is no longer registered in good standing if a finding of abuse, neglect or misappropriation by the certified nurse aide's name is included on the Registry. Therefore, you are prohibited from employment as a certified nurse aide when a finding of misappropriation remains next to your name on the Registry.

In accordance with 42 <u>C.F.R.</u> 483.156 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:39-43.7, you are entitled to submit a written statement contesting the findings noted above. This statement will be maintained on the Registry. If you wish to submit such a written statement, you must do so within 20 days of the date of this letter. Your letter should reference "Notice of Revocation of Nurse Aide Certificate: Contested Findings."

Please forward this statement to the Office of Program Compliance-Reporting along with your nurse aide certification and your nurse aide wallet card to the address listed in this letter.

Sincerely,

Lisa King, Program Manager

Office of Program Compliance Division of

Certificate of Need and Licensing New Jersey Department of Health

LK:mdj

Date: September 22, 2022

**CERTIFIED MAIL:** 

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