

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of
Monica Ferguson, NP**

) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR
REPRIMAND OF NURSE
PRACTITIONER CERTIFICATE
Reference No. 13-01309**

License No: 200650008NP

Monica Ferguson (Licensee) was issued a Nurse Practitioner license by the Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) on January 11, 2006.

On or about January 23, 2013, the Board received an allegation that Licensee was inappropriately prescribing medications. One concern was that Licensee had prescribed to her family members and the other concern was that Licensee may have over-prescribed narcotics to two patients.

After a thorough investigation to include a review of Licensee's prescribing profile, review of clinic records and interview with Licensee, it was determined that she had appropriately prescribed pain medications to the two mentioned patients. However, Board staff was able to substantiate that Licensee had prescribed to family members without having established and documented a client/provider relationship.

By the above actions, Licensee is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.111 "Causes for denial, revocation, suspension of license or probation, reprimand or censure of licensee. In the manner prescribed in ORS 183.310 to 183.550 for a contested case:

(1) "Issuance of a license to practice nursing, whether by examination or by endorsement, of any person may be refused or the license may be revoked or suspended or the licensee may be placed on probation for a period specified by the Oregon State Board of Nursing and subject to such condition as the Board may impose or may be issued a limited license or may be reprimanded or censured by the Board, for any of the following causes:

(f) Conduct derogatory to the standards of nursing.

Conduct Derogatory to the Standards for Prescriptive or Dispensing Authority

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(2) The abuse of the prescriptive or dispensing authority constitutes conduct derogatory to nursing standards and is defined as:

(c) Prescribing, dispensing, administering drugs to an individual who is not the clinical nurse specialist's or nurse practitioner's client unless written under Expedited Partner Therapy guidelines from the department of Human Services or is not within the scope of practice or type of client population served.

Licensee wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter. Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Licensee:

That the Nurse Practitioner license of Monica Ferguson be reprimanded.

Licensee understands that the conduct resulting in the violations of law described in this Order are considered by the Board to be of a grave nature and, if continued, constitutes a serious danger to public health and safety.

Licensee understands that in the event she engages in future conduct resulting in violations of law or the Nurse Practice Act, the Board may take further disciplinary action against her license, up to and including revocation of her license to practice as a Nurse Practitioner.

Licensee understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Licensee understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540. Licensee acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Licensee understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Licensee has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Reprimand.

Monica Ferguson, NP

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Kay Carnegie, RN, MS
Board President

Date