

BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE

IN RE: NICHOLE ELAINE NASSIF, L.N.P.
License Number: 0024-171138
0017-142360
Case Number: 169178

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine ("Committee of the Joint Boards") and Nichole Elaine Nassif, L.N.P., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Nassif's license to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Nichole Elaine Nassif, L.N.P. was issued License Number 0024-171138 to practice as a nurse practitioner on August 26, 2013, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018. Nichole Elaine Nassif, L.N.P. was also issued Prescriptive Authority Number 0017-142360 on August 7, 2015, which is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2018.
2. Ms. Nassif violated Virginia Code §§ 54.1-2957(A) and (B) and 54.1-3007(5), 18 VAC 90-30-220(3) and (4) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners, and 18 VAC 90-40-130(A)(1) of the Regulations for Prescriptive Authority for Nurse Practitioners in that from August 2013 to August 2015, during her employment with three different facilities, Ms. Nassif prescribed medications to patients without authorization from the Committee of the Joint Boards.
3. Ms. Nassif reported that the failure to obtain prescriptive authority was unintentional. She was credentialed by a third party credentialing agency that assured her that she was fully credentialed to practice as a nurse practitioner. During the period that Ms. Nassif did not have

prescriptive authority, she wrote 29 prescriptions for controlled substances, which was confirmed by a Prescription Monitoring Program report.

CONSENT

Nichole Elaine Nassif, L.N.P., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Committee of the Joint Boards; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;
4. I waive all right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Committee of the Joint Boards is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my right to practice as a nurse practitioner in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Committee of the Joint Boards hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Nichole Elaine Nassif is assessed a MONETARY PENALTY of \$ 500.00. This penalty shall be paid to the Board of Nursing by certified check or money order made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia within 90 days from the date of entry of this Order. Failure to pay the full monetary penalty by the due date may cause the matter to be sent for collection and constitutes grounds for an administrative proceeding and further discipline.

2. Nichole Elaine Nassif shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse practitioners in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT
BOARDS

Ju Gloria Mitchell Sively
Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., E.R.E.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: September 6, 2016

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Nichole Elaine Nassif
Nichole Elaine Nassif, L.N.P.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA Arizona
COUNTY/CITY OF Maricopa / Scottsdale, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Arizona at large, on this 20th day of August, 2016.



Sarah Angela Shepherd
Notary Public

Certified True Copy My commission expires:

Jan. 27, 2017

By: M. Baugh
Virginia Board of Nursing Registration No.:
