

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Christopher J. Kay, R.N.

Petition No, 2023-1397

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health ("the Department") brings the following charges against Christopher J. Kay:

1. Christopher J. Kay ("respondent") is and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut registered nurse license number 079785.
2. On or about November 18, 2020, the Board of Examiners for Nursing ("the Board") issued a Memorandum of Decision in Petition No. 2019-97 ("2019 Decision") that placed respondent's license on probation for four (4) years and provided, in part, that:
 - a. respondent submit to observed, random, chain of custody urine screens for drugs and alcohol for the entire probationary period, at a testing facility approved by the Department;
 - b. random drug/alcohol screens be negative for the presence of alcohol and drugs, excluding the drugs that respondent's providers prescribe; and/or
 - c. respondent shall not obtain for personal use and/or use alcohol or any drug that has not been prescribed for him for a legitimate purpose by a licensed health care practitioner authorized to prescribe medications.
3. On or about July 20, 2023, the Board modified the 2019 Decision to require weekly urine screens ("Modification").
4. Respondent violated the terms of the 2019 Decision and/or the Modification in one or more of the following ways:
 - a. On or about October 9, 2023, respondent abused or utilized to excess cocaine and such abuse, or excess use, of cocaine does and/or may affect his nursing practice;
 - b. On or about October 9, 2023, respondent tested positive for cocaine and/or its metabolites; and/or;
 - c. On one or more occasions in October 2023, respondent failed to submit to one or more urine screens when requested to do so.
5. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the 2019 Decision or Modification and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-17 and 20-99(b), including, but not limited to §20-99(b)(5).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Board, as authorized by Connecticut General Statutes §§20-99(b) and 19a-17, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the nursing license of Christopher J. Kay as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 27th day of November, 2023.



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