

ORDER TO REMOVE CONDITIONS

STATE'S RESPONSE TO RESPONDENT'S REQUEST TO REMOVE CONDITIONS

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Bowen, Julie

From: Catherine Caulfield <ccwellnessvt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 25, 2026 12:48 PM
To: Bowen, Julie
Subject: Re: RN license info

EXTERNAL SENDER: Do not open attachments or click on links unless you recognize and trust the sender.

Sorry!

I Catherine Caulfield am requesting to have the conditions removed from my license
Best
Cat

On Wed, Feb 25, 2026 at 12:47 PM Bowen, Julie <Julie.Bowen@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

I just need you to confirm that you are requesting to have the conditions removed from your license.

Thank you.

Julie Bowen

Docket Clerk

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- c Lisinopril
- d Benzonatate
- e Oxycodone Hydrochloride
- f Hyoscyamine
- g Prochlorperazine
- h Metoprolol
- i Morphine
- j Colase
- k An unidentified suppository

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- 8. Paragraphs 2 through 7 above are incorporated herein.
- 9. The essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice require that an RN not remove prescription medication, including controlled substances, from a deceased patient's residence and store them in an unsecured location, but instead provide information to the next-of-kin of the patient on the proper disposal of prescription medication.
- 10. Paragraphs 2 through 7 above demonstrate that Respondent failed to conform to essential standards of acceptable and prevailing practice when she removed prescription medication, including controlled substances, from a deceased patient's residence and stored them in an unsecured location (an unlocked closet at her home).
- 11. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because the Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. §129a(b)(2).

Violation Two: 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(15) Failing to exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of licensed activities when that judgment is necessary to avoid action repugnant to the obligations of the profession.

- 12. Paragraphs 2 through 7 above are incorporated herein.
- 13. As an RN, Respondent must exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of licensed activities when that judgment is necessary to avoid action repugnant to the obligations of the profession.
- 14. Paragraphs 2 through 7 above demonstrate that Respondent failed to exercise independent professional judgment in the performance of licensed activities when that judgment is necessary to avoid action repugnant to the obligations of the profession, when she removed prescription medication, including controlled substances, from a deceased patient's residence and store them in an unsecured location

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15. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. §129a(a)(15).

Understandings

16. Respondent admits the facts as outlined above are true and the Board may find that the Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct and that the order below is necessary to protect the public.
17. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
18. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the full Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced Respondent's rights to a fair and impartial hearing if this agreement is not accepted by the Board and proceeds to a contested hearing.
19. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
20. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time Respondent signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
21. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.
22. Respondent voluntarily waives Respondent's right to a contested hearing before the Board and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
23. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

Based on the Stipulation above, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Nursing hereby **REPRIMANDS** Respondent's license.
- B. The Board of Nursing hereby **CONDITIONS** Respondent's license commencing with the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order:
1. Re-issuance of License. Upon the commencement of these conditions, Respondent shall be issued a license labeled "conditioned."

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2. License Renewal. This Order does not automatically extend the license and Respondent must comply with the requirements for license renewal.
3. Required Coursework. Respondent shall, at her own expense and within ninety (90) days of the date of entry of this Stipulation and Consent Order, satisfactorily complete the following pre-approved courses:

- i. Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills (offered by NCSBN),

- ii. and Upholding the Standard: Professional Accountability in Nursing (offered by NCSBN) or an equivalent course approved by the Case Manager.

*Respondent must provide satisfactorily completed workbooks and certificates of completion to the Case Manager.

**Coursework may not be counted toward any continuing education requirement of licensure.

- C. Upon compliance with and completion of all required conditions, Respondent must petition to remove any or all conditions from the license and demonstrate full compliance with the Order.
- D. Notwithstanding any provision above, Respondent must continue to meet all requirements to maintain licensure, for license renewal, and for license reinstatement.
- E. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).
- F. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be considered relative to any future disciplinary matter.

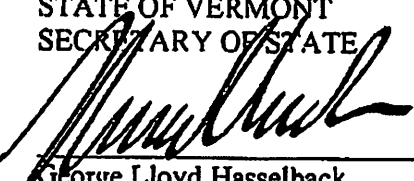
AGREED TO:

STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated: 2/20/2023

By: _____

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By: 
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Dated: 2/20/2023

By: Catherine A. Quinn,
Catherine Quinn *RL*

APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:

STEPHEN CRADDOCK, ESQ.
ATTORNEY FOR RESPONDENT

Dated: 2/21/2023

By: Stephen Craddock
Stephen Craddock, Esq.

APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 3/13/23

By: Jennifer Laurent
DocuSigned by:
Chairperson

Date of Entry: 3/14/23

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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING**

IN RE:

Catherine Quinn

License No. 026.0085432

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Docket No. 2022-236

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

NOW COMES the State of Vermont (the "State") and makes the following charges against Registered Nurse, Catherine Quinn:

Board Authority

1. The Board has authority to issue warnings or reprimands; suspend, revoke, limit, or condition current licenses; or prevent the renewal of lapsed licenses if, after disciplinary hearing, the Board finds that the Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct. 3 V.S.A. § 129(a); 3 V.S.A. § 129a; 3 V.S.A. § 814(d); 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing (the "ARBN"); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation ("OPR Rules").

Statement of Facts

2. Catherine Quinn ("Respondent") of Barre, Vermont is licensed by the State of Vermont as a Registered Nurse ("RN") under license number 026.0085432. This license was originally issued on March 30, 2012 and expires on March 31, 2023.
3. During the relevant time, Respondent was employed as a RN at Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice ("the Facility") in Barre, Vermont.
4. As part of her responsibilities as a hospice nurse, Respondent was required to provide care for patients of the Facility at those respective patients' homes.
5. On June 20, 2022, the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") informed the Vermont Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation ("OPR") about an anonymous tip alleging that Respondent had been "diverting narcotic pain meds" from patients and taking them to Respondent's home.
6. On June 23, 2022, investigators from DEA and OPR interviewed Respondent in the parking lot of the Facility about the allegations contained in the anonymous tip.
7. When investigators asked Respondent if she had any medication at her residence, Respondent replied "I do have some meds at home that I have to get rid of" or words to that effect.

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8. Respondent identified these "meds" as "two bottles of morphine."
9. After further questioning, Respondent admitted to the investigators that she had not been honest about the amount and nature of the medications she had at her home, admitting that she had a "basket of medication in her bathroom" that contained "medication from a few patients" or words to that effect.
10. Respondent agreed to allow investigators to search her home and signed a consent for reflecting that agreement.
11. Inside the home, Respondent directed investigators to an unlocked bathroom closet where she pulled a wicker basket down from a shelf and handed it to the investigators.
12. Respondent explained that the contents of that basket represented medication prescribed and administered to patients that she had treated who had passed away.
13. Investigators examined the contents of the basket and found that it contained prescription medications bearing labels indicating the medications had been prescribed to patients that Responded had treated.
14. The medications in the basket included the following:
 - a. Morphine Sulfate
 - b. Fentanyl (patches)
 - c. Lisinopril
 - d. Benzonatate
 - e. Oxycodone Hydrochloride
 - f. Hyoscyamine
 - g. Prochlorperazine
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15. Respondent told investigators that she should not have put herself at risk by taking the medication home.

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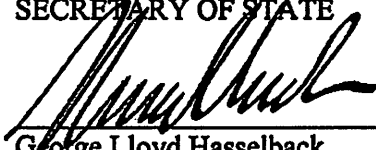
Relief Requested

WHEREFORE, the RN license of Catherine Quinn should be revoked, suspended, reprimanded, conditioned, or otherwise disciplined.

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont this 3rd day of November, 2022.

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