



## Texas Board of Nursing

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Executive Director



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

May 10, 2021

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Chiazom Ugoc Oparaochaekwe  
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We previously provided you with notice that an investigation was being initiated into the following alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act and/or the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice:

- On or about December 3, 2020, you entered a plea of Guilty to and were convicted of count 1 of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTHCARE FRAUD, a felony offense committed December 2011 through May 2017, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas Dallas Division, under Cause No. 3-17CR-00633-B(2). As a result of the conviction, you were sentenced to confinement in the United States Bureau of Prisons for a term of eleven (11) months and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of two hundred ninety-six thousand nine hundred fifty dollars and sixty-nine cents (\$296,950.69).

We have received information confirming you were physically incarcerated in the FCI Aliceville beginning approximately March 22, 2021, based on your conviction of CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTH CARE FRAUD, a Felony offense, in the US District Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division, under Cause No. 3:17-CR-00633-B(2).

**Therefore, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53.021(b), Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 723538 was revoked, by operation of law, on March 22, 2021, the date that your incarceration commenced.**

You are entitled to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing, and a hearing in which you may present evidence to show that you are not physically incarcerated or have not been physically incarcerated due to your felony conviction(s) or felony probation revocation. You are also entitled to representation by an attorney if you desire. In the event you are not physically incarcerated or have not been physically incarcerated, your written request for a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings must be received in this office within twenty (20) days of receipt of this letter.

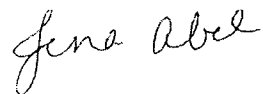
Please be advised that you may not practice as a nurse or engage in any activities that require a license issued by this Board. Should you desire to return to the practice of nursing in Texas, you may contact our office to request a reinstatement petition. However, you will not be eligible for reinstatement until: at least one (1) year has elapsed from the effective date of your revocation, and you are released from imprisonment. Any reinstatement will then be subject to the regulations in effect at that time.

**Kathleen Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP**  
Lubbock, *President*

**Allison Porter-Edwards, DrPH, MS, RN, CNE**  
Bellaire, *Vice-President*

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jena R. Abel".

Jena R. Abel, Deputy General Counsel  
Board Certified - Administrative Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization

cc: Chiazom Ugo Oparaochaekwe No. 56579-177  
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