

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROVIDENCE, SC.**

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION
AND NURSING EDUCATION**

Case No. C12-961

v.

GERALD DORNHECKER NPP37387

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Gerald Dornhecker ("Respondent") is a Nurse Practitioner with prescriptive privileges pursuant to R.I. Gen. Law Section 5-34-38 and 5-34-39. Respondent was practicing as a registered nurse during the events described below:

On or about October and November, 2012 Respondent worked as a nurse for Skin Essentials Spa, 1909 Mineral Spring Avenue, North Providence, RI.

On October 4, 2012, New England Compounding Center ("NECC") in Massachusetts issued a voluntary recall of pharmaceutical products. The recall instructed customers to immediately "segregate and quarantine" the recalled material and notify NECC for its return. Respondent signed the voluntary recall response form and checked the box indicating that "We do not have any of the below products in the facility."

On or about October 24, 2012, the United States Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") FDA conducted a Recall Audit Check at Skin Essentials and was told by Respondent that the facility did not possess any NECC products. Upon further questioning, Respondent admitted that he did have possession of NECC products, and produced some. A simultaneous inspection revealed multiple NECC products, which were not quarantined or segregated, and were present in exam rooms.

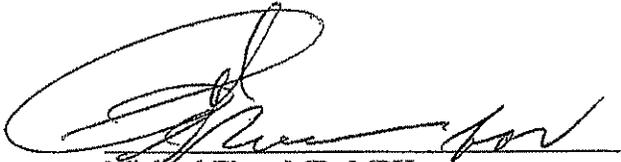
On or about November 23, 2012, investigators from the Rhode Island Department of Health responded to Skin Essentials to conduct another examination for recalled NECC products. On that date, investigators found multiple NECC recalled products in patient exam rooms, not quarantined or segregated.

Respondent, despite proper notice on October 4, and 24, 2012 failed to appropriately destroy, segregate, or quarantine NECC recalled products.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Gerald Dornhecker as a Registered Nurse Practitioner with prescriptive privileges constitutes an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, pursuant to R.I.G.L. section 5-34-26 the license of Gerald Dornhecker is hereby suspended forthwith. Said suspension shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health.

A hearing on this matter is scheduled for **Monday, December 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Department of Health, Cannon Building, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 401, Providence, Rhode Island, 02908 unless waived or continued by request of the Respondent.

Signed this 4th day of Dec., 2012



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have hand-delivered the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Gerald Dornhecker at

Rhode Island Hospital on this 5th
day of December, 2012.

