

Summary of Professional Conduct Committee Decision Approving Settlement Agreement
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Registrant:	Angelica Mbamalu	License:	Not Licensed
Registration:	#3585	Status:	Not Licensed
Date of Decision:	August 26, 2026		

Summary

On August 26, 2026, the Professional Conduct Committee issued a decision accepting a proposed Settlement Agreement between the Nova Scotia Pharmacy Regulator (**NSPR**) and Angelica Mbamalu, pursuant to section 27(1) of the *Regulated Health Professions General Regulations (Regulations)*.

Procedural Background

The NSPR received a complaint against Ms. Mbamalu, Pharmacist at Shoppers Drug Mart, Quinpool Road, Halifax, on February 12, 2024. The complaint alleged that, while working as a pharmacist, Ms. Mbamalu had inappropriately prescribed various medications including prescriptions contrary to protocol.

The complaint was investigated by the Investigation Committee pursuant to the then-governing *Pharmacy Act*.

Pursuant to section 50(4)(c)(iii) of the then-governing *Pharmacy Act*, the Investigation Committee referred the matter to a Hearing Committee on January 15, 2025. Upon the repeal of the *Pharmacy Act* on June 30, 2025, the Hearing Committee carried on as the Professional Conduct Committee under the RHPA.

Pursuant to section 87 of the RHPA, the Registrar and Ms. Mbamalu mutually agreed to a proposed Settlement Agreement in advance of a hearing. The Settlement Agreement was approved by the Complaints Committee and is now approved by the Professional Conduct Committee pursuant to section 27(1) of the Regulations.

Agreed Facts

The parties agreed to relevant facts in the Settlement Agreement, including:

1. Ms. Mbamalu became a licensed pharmacist in Nova Scotia on January 12, 2022.
2. Ms. Mbamalu was licensed to practice pharmacy in the Province of Nova Scotia at all material times.
3. Between the dates of January 2022 and February 2024, Ms. Mbamalu worked as a pharmacist at the Shoppers Drug Mart, Quinpool Road, Halifax location.
4. Ms. Mbamalu began working as a pharmacist at the Shoppers Drug Mart, Spring Garden Road, Halifax location in March 2024. Ms. Mbamalu's employment at this location was terminated in April 2024.
5. Ms. Mbamalu signed an undertaking with the NSPR to cease practicing pharmacy on April 17, 2024.

6. Ms. Mbamalu did not renew her licence at the end of 2024 and is currently unlicensed.
7. In 2023 and 2024, Ms. Mbamalu prescribed medications using a physician's name without their permission.
8. In February 2024, Ms. Mbamalu prescribed the medication Epuris outside the scope of a pharmacist's prescribing.
9. In January 2024, Ms. Mbamalu prescribed Symbicort purportedly utilizing the Inhaled Budesonide (Pulmicort Turbuhaler) Nova Scotia Health Prescribing Protocol, which specifically states not to substitute for alternative inhaled corticosteroids.

Allegations and Admissions

Ms. Mbamalu admitted the allegations set out in the Settlement Agreement and the facts described therein and admitted that her actions constituted professional misconduct as set out in the then-governing *Pharmacy Act*.

Disposition

As a result of her professional misconduct and conduct unbecoming, Ms. Mbamalu agreed to, and the Professional Conduct Committee approved, the following disposition:

- A letter of reprimand will be placed on Ms. Mbamalu's file for engaging in professional misconduct by breaching the *Code of Ethics, Standards of Practice: Prescribing Drugs, Standards of Practice: General Pharmacy Practice*.
- Ms. Mbamalu shall pay a fine of \$2,500 to the NSPR.
- Ms. Mbamalu's licence to practice pharmacy shall be suspended for a period of six months, which suspension is deemed fully satisfied during the period which Ms. Mbamalu has not practiced since April 2024.
- Ms. Mbamalu shall enroll in, undertake, and successfully complete, an ethics course, at her cost, approved by the Registrar of the NSPR.
- Ms. Mbamalu shall pay a portion of the costs incurred by the NSPR with respect to the matter in the amount of \$3,500.
- Ms. Mbamalu shall not work as a Pharmacy Manager for a period of five years commencing April 17, 2024.

Professional Conduct Committee Reasons

In its reasons, the Professional Conduct Committee determined that the necessary elements of section 87(2) of the RHPA were included in the Settlement Agreement.

The Professional Conduct Committee next considered whether the proposed Settlement Agreement met the criteria set out in section 26(1) of the Regulations. The Professional Conduct Committee observed that the Settlement Agreement contained sufficient provisions to adequately ensure the protection of the public and that the actions of Ms. Mbamalu are detailed in the Settlement Agreement and that the remedies set out in the Settlement Agreement are proportionate to the actions acknowledged by Ms. Mbamalu.

The Professional Conduct Committee considered submissions by both parties to the Settlement Agreement regarding a publication ban and determined that a partial publication ban, banning certain information from publication, was warranted.