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Paula Breen is the Deputy Director of the New York State Department of Health's Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC). The OPMC investigates allegations of medical misconduct by the approximately 110,000 physicians, physician assistants, and specialist assistants licensed in NYS, as well as unlicensed medical residents. The Office prosecutes those licensees when evidence suggests that misconduct has occurred, and monitors licensees who are placed on probation by the NYS Board for Professional Medical Conduct, or who cannot practice safely due to an impairment.

As Deputy Director, Ms. Breen is responsible to the Director of OPMC for managing all staff in the central and regional offices across the State, as well as overseeing the approximately 1100 open Metropolitan Area investigations into allegations of misconduct, providing technical assistance and guidance on investigative "best practices," policy development and implementation, and training on all aspects of the physician discipline process.

Ms. Breen joined the OPMC in 2007 and has 30 years of leadership and public policy experience in the public/patient safety arena, and has presented nationwide on a variety of topics related thereto. She holds her Bachelor of Science and Master of Public Administration degrees from the State University of New York @ Albany, and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.