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HEALTH

Sue Kelly **Executive Deputy Commissioner** 

October 25, 2012

## CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Scott Martin Brown, R.P.A. #761402 West Shoreline Correctional Facility 2500 South Sheridan Drive Muskegon, MI 49444

Re: License No. 012350

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 12-221. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 1, 2012.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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BPMC No. 12-221

IN THE MATTER

SURRENDER

OF

ORDER

### SCOTT MARTIN BROWN, R.P.A. CO-11-12-6547-A

Upon the application of **SCOTT MARTIN BROWN**, **R.P.A.**, (Respondent), to Surrender his license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Surrender, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that Respondent's name be stricken from the roster of physician assistants in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Surrender Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Surrender Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Surrender of License or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 10 / 124/2012

**REDACTED** 

ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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SCOTT MARTIN BROWN, R.P.A. CO-11-12-6547-A

LICENSE

SCOTT MARTIN BROWN, R.P.A., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about December 27, 2007, I was licensed as a physician assistant in the State of New York and issued license number 012350 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is West Shoreline Correctional Facility, 2500 South Sheridan Dr., Muskegon, MI 49444.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) Specification of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A," is attached to and part of this Surrender of License.

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of New York on the grounds that I do not contest the second (2) Specification.

I agree, further, that I shall never reapply for a license to practice as a physician assistant in New York state or practice as a physician assistant in New York state in any capacity, with or without a license to practice as a physician assistant.



I ask the Board to accept the surrender of my license, and I agree to be bound by all of the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

I understand that if the Board does not accept my Surrender of License none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Surrender of License shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board accepts the surrender of my license, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Surrender Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Surrender Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Surrender Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Surrender of License, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Surrender Order, this Surrender of License, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License, which I submit of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Surrender of License, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Surrender Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and I agree to be bound by the Surrender Order.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Surrender of



License and Surrender Order, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no	
prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.	
Date: Odobu 10 R, 2012	REDACTED Scott Martin Brown, R.P.A. Respondent
The undersigned agree to Respond proposed penalty, terms and conditions.	dent's attached Surrender of License and to its
Date: October (8, 2012	REDACTED  MICHAEL BASS Assistant Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct
Date: 10/2 4 ,2012	REDACTED  KEITH W. SERVIS  Director, Office of Professional  Medical Conduct



STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

SCOTT MARTIN BROWN, R.P.A CO-11-12-6547-A

CHARGES

SCOTT MARTIN BROWN, R.P.A, Respondent, was authorized to practice as a physician assistant in New York state on December 27, 2007, by the issuance of license number 012350 by the New York State Education Department.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- On or about May 19, 2011, the State of Michigan, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Health Professions, Task Force on Physician's Assistants Disciplinary Subcommittee, (hereinafter "Michigan Board"), by ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION, SUMMARILY SUSPENDED Respondent's license to practice as a physician's assistant. The Administrative Complaint that was the basis of the Michigan Board's ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION alleged, inter alia, that Respondent forged approximately 100 prescriptions for methadone and hydrocodone to obtain the medications for Respondent's personal use. On or about February 21, 2012, the Michigan Board, by FINAL ORDER, DISSOLVED the ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION dated May 19, 2011, and REVOKED Respondent's license to practice as a physician's assistant. In the FINAL ORDER, the Michigan Board treated Respondent's failure to respond to the aforementioned Administrative Complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt as an admission of the allegations contained in that complaint.
- The conduct resulting in the Michigan Board disciplinary action against B. Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:
  - New York Education Law Sec. 6530(2) (fraud in the practice of medicine); and/or 1.
- New York Education Law Sec. 6530(8) (being dependent on or a habitual user of 2. narcotics).

# SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

### SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

The facts in Paragraphs A and B.

DATED: July 18, 2012 Albany, New York REDACTED

PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

#### **EXHIBIT "B"**

# REQUIREMENTS FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION (of six months or more) OF A MEDICAL LICENSE

- Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice as a
  physician assistant (in New York State) in accordance with the terms of the Order. In
  addition, Respondent shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice
  or its application and from representing himself as being eligible to practice as a
  physician assistant.
- Respondent shall have delivered, to OPMC at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, NY 12204, Respondent's original license to practice as a physician assistant in New York State and current biennial registration within five (5) days of the effective date of the Order.
- Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order, notify all patients of the cessation
  of his medical practice and will refer all patients to a licensed practicing physician for
  their continued care, as appropriate.
- Respondent shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical 4. records of his patients. Within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, Respondent shall notify OPMC of these arrangements including the appropriate and acceptable contact person's name, address, and telephone number who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least six years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least six years after the last date of service or three years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information on the record is kept confidential and made available only to authorized persons. When a patient and/or his/her authorized representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be forwarded to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic, and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of his/her inability to pay.
- In the event that Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate for New York State, Respondent shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Respondent shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
- Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, New York State Department of Health at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Albany,

NY 12204. Respondent shall cause all prescription pads bearing his/her name to be destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at Respondent's practice location, all medications shall be properly disposed of.

- 7. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services. Respondent shall cause all signs to be removed within fifteen (15) days and stop all advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories, on the internet or otherwise, professional stationery or billings by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented.
- Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered (by Respondent or others) while barred from engaging in the practice as a physician assistant. Respondent may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of this Order.
- 9. If Respondent is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and if Respondent's license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of six months or more under the terms of this Order, Respondent shall divest himself/herself of all financial interest in the professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order. If Respondent is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.
- Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or further criminal penalties as may be authorized pursuant to the law. Under Section 6512 of the Education Law it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when such professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in Section 230-a of the Public Health Law, which includes fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which Respondent is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.