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September 14, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Michael George Block, M.D. 17 Coventry Rd. Livingston, NJ 07039

> RE: License No.: 116087

Dear Dr. Block:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 99-231 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect September 14, 1999.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order to Board for Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

Singerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

Robert Bogan, Esq. cc:

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

IN THE MATTER

: SURRENDER

OF

ORDER

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MICHAEL GEORGE BLOCK, M.D. : BPMC #99-231

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MICHAEL GEORGE BLOCK, M.D., says:

On or about may 23, 1973, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No.116087 by the New York State Education Department. My address is 17 Covington Road, Livingston, NJ 07039.

I understand that I have been charged with one (1) specification of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I do not contest the one (1) specification set forth in the Statement of Charges.

I understand that, in the event that this proposed agreement is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such proposed agreement shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that in the event the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct agrees with my proposal, this Order shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me. I agree that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Order to me at the address set forth above, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.

I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.

Date: $\frac{9/2}{2}$, 1999

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Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 1999

ROBERT BOGAN
Assistant Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

Date: Sept 8, 1999

ANNE F. SAILE

Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of MICHAEL GEORGE BLOCK, M.D., to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of this Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney, or upon transmissions via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.,

DATED: 9/9/99

WILLIAM P. DILLON/ M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

: STATEMENT

OF

OF

MICHAEL GEORGE BLOCK, M.D. : CHARGES

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MICHAEL GEORGE BLOCK, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on May 23, 1973, by the issuance of license number 116087 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

On or about February 22, 1999, the state of New Jersey, Α. Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, State Board of Medical Examiners, (hereinfafter, "New Jersey Board"), filed an Administrative Action Order, (hereinafter, "New Jersey Order"), that suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine for three months, imposed a civil penalty of \$5,000.00, and ordered the Respondent to take and successfully complete a PROBE ethics course, based upon a complaint which alleged, among others, that he made numerous false claims in connection with psychiatric inability to practice medicine, and applied for registration to dispense controlled dangerous substances despite his lack of licensure in New Jersey. Respondent agreed to entry of a Consent Order in April, 1998 but failed to appear to settle the matter. A motion by the New Jersey Attorney General to

enforce that settlement was granted.

- B. The conduct resulting in the New Jersey Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:
- 1. New York Education Law §6530(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);
- 2. New York Education Law §6530(16)(failure to comply with substantial provisions of federal, state and local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of medicine);
- 3. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness); and/or
- 4. New York Education Law §6530(21)(making or filing a false report).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had disciplinary action taken against him 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:

2. The facts in paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED:

, 1999 Albany, New York

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