

New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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January 13, 1998

#### **CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Pearl Ann Brown, M.D. 4109 Paulding Avenue Bronx, New York 10466

RE: License No. 165248

Dear Dr. Brown:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 98-9 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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.

Board for Professional Medical Conduct New York State Department of Health Hedley Park Place, Suite 303 433 River Street Troy, New York 12180

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Elvira Thomas, Esq. Sorrentino, Thomas & Sorrentino 12 Armand Place Valhalla, New York 10549

Loretta Madden, Esq.

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

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

#### PEARL ANN T. BROWN

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

PEARL ANN T. BROWN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 24, 1986, by the issuance of license number 165248 by the New York State Education Department.

### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. In response to questions numbered three(3) and four(4) in Respondent's application for privileges and appointment to the Jamaica Hospital medical staff, dated May 30th, 1995, the Respondent knowingly and falsely represented that:
  - 1. She had never been suspended, sanctioned, or otherwise restricted from participating in a private or state health insurance program, when, in fact, the Respondent knew that on or about June 18, 1991 she had been suspended from participation in the New York state Medicaid program, a state health insurance program and that:
  - 2. She was not the subject of an investigation by a state agency concerning participation in a state insurance program when, in fact, she knew that she had been the subject of a New York State Department of Social Services investigation prior to the aforementioned suspension from the Medicaid program.

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## IN THE MATTER OF PEARL ANN BROWN, M.D.

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

BPMC #98-9

STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF New York)

Pearl Ann Brown, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That on or about January 24th, 1986, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been Issued License No. 165248 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 4109 Paulding Avenue, Bronx, New York, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with five specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A".

I admit guilt to the five specifications of professional misconduct, in full satisfaction of the charges against me. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

Two years stayed suspension, except for forty five days of actual license suspension, and probation for the remaining period of stayed suspension pursuant to the terms annexed hereto as exhibit "B". The forty five day period of actual suspension shall commence effective January 1st, 1998.

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose a condition that, except during periods of actual suspension, I maintain current registration of my license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the Consent Order and continuing until the full term of the Order has run, and until any associated period of probation and all probation terms have been completed and satisfied. I hereby stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such condition shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29)(McKinney Supp 1997).

Lagree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I hereby make this Application to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (the Board) and request that it be granted.

I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, 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 Application shall not be used against me in any way and shalf be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth

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herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same.

I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Consent Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

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Sworn to before me this

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ELVIRA SORRENTINO THOMAS Notary Public, State of New York No. 02-TH4810424 Oualified in Westcheater County Commission Expires 2/28/1979

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The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

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Loretta Madden Assistant Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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Elvira Thomas, ESO. Attorney for Respondent

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

# IN THE MATTER

OF

### PEARL ANN BROWN, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of Pearl Ann Brown, M.D. (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order by certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 1/8/98

PATRICK F. ČARONE, M.D., M.P.H. Chairperson State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

- B. In her licensure renewal application with the New York State Education Department dated July 17, 1996, the Respondent knowingly and falsely represented that:
  - 1. Since Respondent's previous registration no hospital or licensed facility had restricted or terminated her professional training, employment or privileges, nor had she voluntarily resigned or withdrawn from any hospital to avoid the imposition of such action due to professional misconduct or unprofessional conduct when, in fact, the Respondent voluntarily resigned from Jamaica Hospital to avoid the restriction and/or termination of her privileges by that institution.

### SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

# FIRST ,SECOND AND THIRD SPECIFICATIONS FRAUDULENT PRACTICE

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

- 1. Paragraphs A and A 1
- 2. Paragraphs A and A2.
- 3. Paragraphs B and B1

# THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH SPECIFICATIONS FALSE REPORT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(21)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by wilfully making or filing a false report, or failing to file a report required by law or by the Department of Health or the Education Department, as alleged in the facts of:

- 4. Paragraphs A and A1
- 5. Paragraphs A and A2
- 6. Paragraphs B and B1

January , 1998 New York, New York DATED: ROY NEMERSON Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct 4

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# EXHIBIT "B"

#### Terms of Probation

- Respondent shall conduct himself/herself in all ways in a manner befitting his/her professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his/her profession.
- 2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
- Respondent shall fully cooperate with and respond in a timely manner to requests from OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Order. Respondent shall personally meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as requested by the Director.
- 4. Any civil penalty not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is not limited to the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]: State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001; Executive Law section 32].
- 5. The period of probation shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of probation shall resume and any terms of probation which were not fulfilled shall be fulfitled upon Respondent's return to
- Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his/her staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- 7 Respondent shall maintain legible and complete medical records which accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients. The medical records shall contain all information required by State rules and regulations regarding controlled substances.
- 8. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations

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and penalties to which he or she is subject pursuant to the Order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding and/or any such other proceeding against Respondent as may be authorized pursuant to the law.

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