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February 27, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

David Franklyn Sturdevant, M.D. 130 Main Street Gorham, Maine 04038

Re: License No. 167137

Dear Dr. Sturdevant:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 04-38 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect March 5, 2004.

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 the 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.

Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

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SURRENDER

ORDER

DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, M.D. CO-03-12-5375-A

BPMC No. 04-38

DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, M.D., says:

On or about July 22, 1986, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 167137 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 130 Main Street, Gorham, ME 04038.

I am not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me 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, hereby, agree not to contest the one (1) specification set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

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 Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same 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 first.

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

Date: Februy 6,

DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, M.D.

Respondent

AGREED TO:

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Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 25 + 10 11 van 4,2004

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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

DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, M.D. CO-03-12-5375-A

CHARGES

DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on July 22, 1986, by the issuance of license number 167137 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about September 9, 2003, the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine (hereinafter "Maine Board"), by a Consent Agreement (hereinafter "Maine Agreement"), agreed that Respondent would engage a professional office management company to review coding and documentation practices and that he educate himself about the management of chronic pain patients indicating the proper prescribing of controlled substances, the characteristics of drug seekers, and the recognition of drug diversion, based on inappropriately proscribing opiod analgesis for a patient with a long standing history of addiction and concerns about management of chronic pain patients, documentation, and office practices.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Maine Board 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(5) (negligence on more than one occasion), and/or
- 2. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State 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:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: **What 20**, 2004 Albany, New York Feter D. Van Buren

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **DAVID FRANKLYN STURDEVANT, 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 the 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 to Respondent at the addresses set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

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MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ, R.P.

Vice Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct