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CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: In the Matter of Otis Alexander Williams, Jr., M.D.

Dear Parties:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Dismissal Order (No. 98-181) of the Professional Medical Conduct Administrative Review Board in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Dismissal Order shall be deemed effective upon receipt **or** seven (7) days after mailing by certified mail as per the provisions of §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (h) of the New York State Public Health Law.

Five days after receipt of this Order, you will be required to deliver to the Board of Professional Medical Conduct your license to practice medicine if said license has been revoked, annulled, suspended or surrendered, together with the registration certificate. Delivery shall be by either **certified mail or in person** to:

Office of Professional Medical Conduct New York State Department of Health Hedley Park Place 433 River Street-Fourth Floor Troy, New York 12180 If your license or registration certificate is lost, misplaced or its whereabouts is otherwise unknown, you shall submit an affidavit to that effect. If subsequently you locate the requested items, they must then be delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct in the manner noted above.

This exhausts all administrative remedies in this matter [PHL §230-c(5)].

Sincerely, Jyline J. Butlee nm

Tyrone T. Butler, Director Bureau of Adjudication

TTB:nm

Enclosure

STATE OF NEW YORK: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (Petitioner)

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In The Matter Of

Otis Alexander Williams, M.D. (Respondent)

Administrative Review Board (ARB)
Determination and Dismissal Order 98-181

Proceeding to review a Determination by a Hearing Committee (Committee) from Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC)

Before Board Members: Briber, Grossman, Lynch, Price & Shapiro. Administrative Law Judge James F. Horan served as the Board's Administrative Officer.

In this proceeding, we dismiss a notice requesting administrative review on a BPMC Committee Determination, because the Petitioner has failed to file a timely brief.

After a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(12)(McKinney's Supp. 1998), a BPMC Committee sustained charges that another state, New Jersey, disciplined the Respondent for conduct which, if committed in New York, would constitute misconduct under N. Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530(8), 6530(29) & 6530(40)(McKinney Supp. 1998) for:

- habitual alcohol or narcotic use;
- violating license conditions or limitations; and,
- failing to provide qualified people with access to patient information.

The Committee voted to suspend the Respondent's License to practice in New York until such time as the New Jersey Board of Medical Examiners restores the Respondent's License to practice in that state¹.

The Petitioner then filed a notice pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-c (McKinney's Supp. 1998), requesting that the ARB review the suspension penalty that the Committee imposed. Under the review procedures in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-c (McKinney's Supp. 1998), the party requesting the review must perfect their review notice by submitting a brief to the ARB thirty days after filing the review notice.

The ARB received the Petitioner's review notice on August 27, 1998, meaning that the Petitioner had to submit a brief by September 28, 1998 to perfect his review notice. The Respondent failed to file a brief on September 28, 1998 and has filed no brief since.

¹ The New Jersey Board suspended the Respondent's License in that state in June, 1998, until such time as the Respondent appears before the New Jersey Board to demonstrate his fitness and competency to return to practice.

As the Petitioner has filed no brief and as the ARB has granted no filing extensions, we conclude that the Respondent has failed to perfect his review notice in this proceeding. The ARB votes unanimously, therefore, to dismiss the Respondent's review notice. The Committee's Determination now becomes final.

<u>ORDER</u>

NOW, based upon this Determination, the Review Board renders the following ORDER:

The ARB **DISMISSES** the Petitioner's Review Notice.

Robert M. Briber
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Therese G. Lynch, M.D.

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Stanley L. Grossman, M.D., a member of the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct, concurs in the Determination and Order in the Matter of Dr. Williams.

Dated : October 16 1998

Stanley L. Grossman, M.D.

Sumner Shapiro, a member of the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct, concurs in the Determination and Order in the Matter of Dr. Williams.

DATED: OCT /L , 1998

Sumner Shapiro

Robert M. Briber, a member of the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct, concurs in the Determination and Order in the Matter of Dr. Williams.

Dated : Oct 1/6 , 1998

Robert M. Briber

Winston S. Price, M.D., a member of the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct, concurs in the Determination and Order in the Matter of Dr. Williams.

Dated: /0/16, 1998

Winston S. Price, M.D.

Therese G. Lynch, M.D., a member of the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct, concurs in the Determination and Order in the Matter of Dr. Williams.

Dated: Oct. 17, 1998

Therese G. Lynch, M.D.