

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
WILLIAM DIFEDERICO, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
SUMMARY
ORDER

TO: WILLIAM DIFEDERICO, M.D.
324 Sunnybrook Avenue
Stratford, CT

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230 (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1999), upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that the duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction (Connecticut) has made a finding substantially equivalent to a finding that the practice of medicine by WILLIAM DIFEDERICO, M.D. (the Respondent) in that jurisdiction constitutes an imminent danger to the health of its people, as is more fully set forth in documents of the Connecticut Board of Medical Examiners, which are attached hereto as Appendix "A" and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b) (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1999), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York.

Any practice of medicine in the State of New York in violation of this (Commissioner's) Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

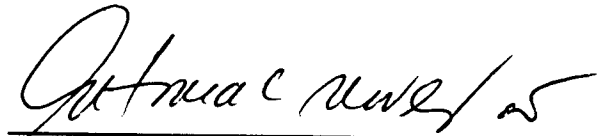
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This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within thirty days after the final conclusion of the disciplinary proceeding in the State of Connecticut. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230 (McKinney 1990 and Supp. 1999), and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401 (McKinney 1984 and Supp. 1999). The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Summary Hearing to be provided to the Respondent after the final conclusion of the Connecticut proceeding. Said written Notice may be provided in person, by mail, or by other means. If Respondent wishes to be provided said written notice at an address other than that set forth above, Respondent shall so notify, in writing, both the attorney whose name is set forth in this Order, and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, at the addresses set forth below.

Respondent shall notify the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299 via Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, of the final conclusion of the Connecticut proceeding immediately upon such conclusion.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a (McKinney Supp. 1999). YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York
December 30, 1999



Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H.
Commissioner
New York State Health Department

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

I, Debra J. Tomassone, am Public Health Services Manager, State of Connecticut, Department of Public Health, Division of Health Systems Regulation. As such, I am the custodian of the official records of this section. I do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing instruments, consisting of 6 pages, with the original documents and declare them to be true and correct copies thereof.

Debra J. Tomassone

Signature

11.29.99

Date

State of Connecticut
County of Hartford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of November,
1999.

[Signature]

Notary Public Alejandro Rodriguez
SEAL

My Commission expires October 31, 2002.

APPENDIX A

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CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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RE: William DiFederico, MD - Petition No. 990804-001-150

NOTICE OF HEARING

By the authority of the General Statutes of Connecticut, §4-177, you are hereby notified to appear before a duly authorized panel of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board, to include Donna Rescorl, RN, Ian Lawson, MD, and Dennis O'Neill, MD for a formal hearing on the attached charges against you. These charges are being brought against you under the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Sections 19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-13c.

The hearing will be held on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 9:30 a.m. at the Department of Public Health, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut, Conference Room I on the second floor. The scheduling of your case is subject to change. You are urged to call (860) 509-7648 the day before the hearing to verify this schedule.

At the aforementioned hearing you may be represented by an attorney and present evidence on your behalf. Although you may represent yourself (pro se), you are urged to obtain the services of an attorney. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 54 of the General Statutes and § 19a-9-1, et seq., of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (Public Health Code). You are required to file an answer to the attached charges within fourteen (14) days from the date of this Notice of Hearing. Any documentation offered into evidence must be accompanied by five (5) photocopies.

If you fail to appear at the hearing, upon proof that due notice was served upon you to appear, the Board may proceed in the same manner as though you were present in person.

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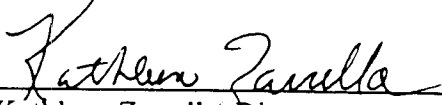
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Petition No. 990804-001-150

MOTION FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") hereby moves in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut §§4-182(c) and 19a-17(c) that the Connecticut Medical Examining Board summarily suspend the license of William DiFederico to practice medicine and surgery in Connecticut. This motion is based on the attached Statement of Charges, Affidavits and on the Department's information and belief that the continued practice of medicine and surgery represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of September 1999.


Kathleen Zarrella, Director
Division of Health Systems Regulation

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
BUREAU OF REGULATORY SERVICES

In re: William DiFederico, M.D.

Petition No. 99Q804-001-150

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against William DiFederico:

COUNT ONE

1. William DiFederico of Stratford (hereinafter "respondent") is, and has been at all times referenced in this Statement of Charges, the holder of Connecticut medicine and surgery license number 029865.
2. On February 4, 1997, the Connecticut Medical Examining Board ordered a confidential Consent Order in Petition Number 961022-001-198, as the result of respondent's abuse of controlled substances. Under the terms of the Consent Order, respondent's license was placed on probation for five years. The Consent Order was modified on September 4, 1998, extending the period of probation until August 18, 2003.
3. On July 6, 1999 and July 24, 1999, respondent tested positive for cocaine.
4. Respondent admits to using cocaine in July of 1999.
5. The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-13c, including but not limited to:
 - a. §20-13c(3);
 - b. §20-13c(4); and/or
 - c. §20-13c(5).


COUNT TWO

6. Paragraphs 1-4, inclusive, are incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full.
7. Respondent's conduct as described above constitutes violations of the terms of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, and subjects respondent's license to revocation or other disciplinary action authorized by the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-17 and 20-13(c).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-13c, revoke or order other disciplinary action against the medicine and surgery license of William DiFederico as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14~~th~~ day of September 1999.


Kathleen Zarrella, Director
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SUMMARY SUSPENSION ORDER

WHEREAS, the affidavits, duly verified, allege facts which show violations of §20-13c of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and which imperatively require emergency action in that the public health, safety or welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut is in clear and immediate danger; and,

Pursuant to the authority of §4-182(c) and §19a-17(c), pending the hearing set for the 5TH day of OCTOBER, 1999, at 9:30 a.m.

It is hereby ORDERED, by vote of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board") that license number 029865 of William DiFederico to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Connecticut is summarily suspended pending a final determination by the Board regarding the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges.

Further it is hereby ordered by vote of the Board that William DiFederico immediately surrender his license number 029865 to the Board, 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #13PHO, P.O. Box 340308, Hartford, CT 06134-0308 upon notification of this Order.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 21st day of September 1999.

Dr. G. N. Hill, M.D.
Connecticut Medical Examining Board