

# New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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November 16, 2000

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

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Jon Austin, D.O. 12419 West 41st Drive Phoenix, AZ 85029

RE: License No. 070823

Dear Dr. Austin:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 00-318 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect November 16, 2000.

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.

Sincerely,

Ansel R.

Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure cc: Robert Bogan, Esq.

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

## IN THE MATTER

SURRENDER

OF

JON AUSTIN, D.O.

ORDER BPMC No. 00-318

Jon Austin, D.O., says:

On or about October 5, 1960, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 070823 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 12419 North 41<sup>st</sup> Drive, Phoenix, Arizona 85029. 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 three (3) specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

I have retired from the practice of medicine and 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 three (3) specifications 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: November 7 \_\_\_, 2000

AGREED TO:

JON AUSTIN, D.O

Respondent

RØBERT BOGAN Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

ANNE F. SAILE Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: Mouember 10,2000

Exhibit A"

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

> IN THE MATTER OF JON AUSTIN, D.O.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

JON AUSTIN, D.O., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 6, 1950, by the issuance of license number 070823 by the New York State Education Department.

#### FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about April 19, 2000, the Arizona Board of Osteopathic Examiners in Medicine and Surgery (hereinafter "Arizona Board"), by a Stipulation and Consent Order for Restriction of License (hereinafter "Arizona Order"), restricted Respondent from prescribing any medications without performing complete physicals and histories or renewing any prescriptions for medications that have not had complete physicals and histories, based on his prescribing medications to the public without establishing a doctor/patient relationship or seeing the patient in the office to complete a physical and history.

B. On or about August 19, 2000, the Arizona Board, by a Findings Of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Summary Suspension of License, (hereinafter "Arizona Suspension"), suspended Respondent's license to practice Osteopathic medicine, based on his appearing confused, unable to respond to questions regarding the appropriateness and purpose of prescribing Viagra and irrational, and an Arizona Board vote that he, " was medically and or psychologically unable to engage in practice of medicine and was an imminent threat the health and welfare of the public." C. On or about October 4, 2000, the Arizona Board, by a Stipulation and Consent Order for Surrender of License, accepted the voluntary Surrender of Respondent's license, based on the determination set forth in Paragraph B above.

D. The conduct resulting in the Arizona Board's disciplinary actions 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(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);

2. New York Education Law §6530(7) (practicing the profession while impaired by physical disability or mental disability).

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### FIRST THROUGH THIRD SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having surrendered his license to practice medicine suspended or having had other disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the suspension or other 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 D

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

3. The facts in paragraphs B, C, and/or D.

DATED:/ 7.2000 Albany, New York

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

### ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **Jon Austin D.O.**, 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.

DATED:\_// 2000

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