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August 1, 2000

**CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

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**RE: In the Matter of Jackson B. Beecham, M.D.**

Dear Parties:

Enclosed please find the Determination and Order (No. 00-213) of the Hearing Committee in the above referenced matter. This Determination and Order shall be deemed effective upon the 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.

As prescribed by the New York State Public Health Law §230, subdivision 10, paragraph (i), and §230-c subdivisions 1 through 5, (McKinney Supp. 1992), "the determination of a committee on professional medical conduct may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for professional medical conduct." Either the licensee or the Department may seek a review of a committee determination.

All notices of review must be served, by certified mail, upon the Administrative Review Board and the adverse party within fourteen (14) days of service and receipt of the enclosed Determination and Order.

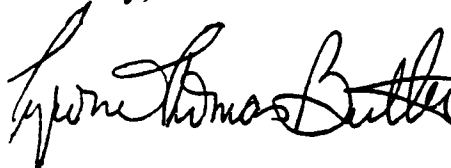
The notice of review served on the Administrative Review Board should be forwarded to:

James F. Horan, Esq., Administrative Law Judge  
New York State Department of Health  
Bureau of Adjudication  
Hedley Park Place  
433 River Street, Fifth Floor  
Troy, New York 12180

The parties shall have 30 days from the notice of appeal in which to file their briefs to the Administrative Review Board. Six copies of all papers must also be sent to the attention of Mr. Horan at the above address and one copy to the other party. The stipulated record in this matter shall consist of the official hearing transcript(s) and all documents in evidence.

Parties will be notified by mail of the Administrative Review Board's Determination and Order.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyrone T. Butler", written in a cursive style.

Tyrone T. Butler, Director  
Bureau of Adjudication

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Enclosure

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

**COPY**

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.**

**DETERMINATION**

**AND**

**ORDER**

**BPMC #00-213**

A Notice of Referral Proceeding and Statement of Charges, both dated, April 10, 2000, were served upon the Respondent, **JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.**

**SHARON KURITZKY, M.D.**, Chairperson, **LYON GREENBERG, M.D.** and **MR. PETER KOENIG**, duly designated members of the State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, served as the Hearing Committee in this matter pursuant to Section 230(10)(e) of the Public Health Law. **MICHAEL P. MCDERMOTT, ESQ.**, Administrative Law Judge, served as the Administrative Officer.

A hearing was held on July 20, 2000, at the Offices of the New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Troy, New York. The Department appeared by **HENRY M. GREENBERG, ESQ.**, General Counsel, by **ROBERT BOGAN, ESQ.**, and **PAUL ROBERT MAHER, ESQ.**, of Counsel. The Respondent appeared in person on his own behalf.

Evidence was received and transcripts of these proceeding were made.

After consideration of the entire record, the Hearing Committee issues this Determination and Order.

## **STATEMENT OF CASE**

This case was brought pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230(10)(p). The statute provides for an expedited hearing where a licensee is charged solely with a violation of Education Law Section 6530(9). In such case, a licensee is charged with misconduct based upon a prior criminal conviction in New York or another jurisdiction, or upon a prior administrative adjudication regarding conduct, which would amount to professional misconduct, if committed in New York. The scope of an expedited hearing is limited to a determination of the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee.

In the instant case, the Respondent is charged with professional misconduct pursuant to Education Law Section 6530(9)(b) and (d). A copy of the Notice of Referral Proceeding and the Statement of Charges is attached to this Determination and Order as Appendix 1.

## **WITNESSES**

For the Petitioner:

None

For the Respondent:

Jackson B. Beecham, M.D.,  
the Respondent

## FINDINGS OF FACT

The following Findings of Fact were made after a review of the entire record in this matter. Numbers in parenthesis refer to transcript page numbers or exhibits. These citations represent evidence found persuasive by the Hearing Committee in arriving at a particular finding. Conflicting evidence, if any, was considered and rejected in favor of the cited evidence. All Hearing Committee findings were unanimous unless otherwise stated.

1. **JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.**, the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 28, 1977, by the issuance of license number 132944 by the New York Education Department. (Pet's. Ex. 3).

2. On October 7, 1999, in the State of Vermont, Board of Medical Practice (hereinafter "Vermont Board"), by a Stipulation and Consent Order (hereinafter "Vermont Order"), reprimanded the Respondent, based on his having allowed a nurse, employee, without prescriptive authority, to prescribe medications to a patient using Respondent's prescription pad and Respondent's stamped signature. (Pet's. Ex. 4).

## HEARING COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

The Hearing Committee concludes that the conduct resulting in the Vermont Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to:

- New York Education Law §6530(11) (permitting an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license);

- New York Education Law §6530(25) (delegating professional responsibilities to a person not qualified by training, experiences or by licensure, to perform them).

## **VOTE OF THE HEARING COMMITTEE**

### **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### **FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct by reason of having violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state.

**VOTE: SUSTAINED (3-0)**

#### **SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state.

**VOTE: SUSTAINED (3-0)**

## HEARING COMMITTEE DETERMINATION

The record in this case indicates that the Vermont Board of Medical Practice reprimanded the Respondent for allowing Nurse Cutforth to prescribe medication to a patient using his prescription pad and his stamped signature.

The Respondent testified at the present hearing concerning the circumstances regarding the incident for which he was reprimanded.

The Respondent testified that Nurse Cutforth was in fact his wife who is a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. The prescription in question was for a refill of a prescription he had previously written for the patient. Since he was in the hospital operating room at the time and unable to write the prescription, his wife, with whom he shared offices, issued the prescription using his prescription pad and stamped signature. The incident occurred sometime in 1993 or 1994.

The Hearing Committee found the Respondent to be a credible witness and accepts his version of the incident.

Prior to moving to Vermont, the Respondent practiced medicine in New York for 11 years and was never the subject of a disciplinary action. The Respondent has not been the subject of any disciplinary action in the State of Vermont, except for the instant matter.

The Vermont Stipulation and Consent Order specifies only one incident and does not establish a pattern of practice. Also there is no evidence that there has been any repetition of this conduct.

The incident in question occurred 6 or 7 years ago. The Respondent has already been reprimanded by the Vermont Board. His medical career is otherwise unblemished.

Given the above-cited circumstances, the Hearing Committee believes that any action against the Respondent's New York state license would be unwarranted and would serve no useful purpose.

The Hearing Committee determines that no action should be taken against the Respondent's New York State medical license.

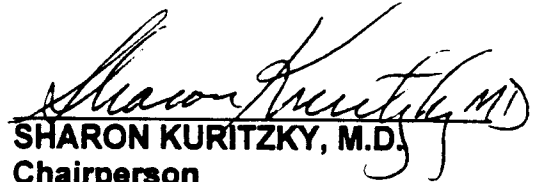
**ORDER**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. No action is to be taken against the Respondent's New York State medical license.
2. This Order shall be effective upon service on the Respondent or the Respondent's attorney by personal service or by certified or registered mail.

**DATED: New York**

7/28/2000

  
**SHARON KURITZKY, M.D.**  
Chairperson

**LYON GREENBERG, M.D.**  
**MR. PETER KOENIG**



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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.

NOTICE  
OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

TO: JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.  
P.O. Box 370  
Lunenburg, VT 05906

JACKSON B. BEECHAM, M.D.  
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center  
1 Medical Drive  
Lebanon, New Hampshire 03756

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section 230(10)(p) and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on the 18th day of May, 2000 at 10:00 in the forenoon of that day at the Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel. You may produce evidence or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of

witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.

If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180, ATTENTION: HON. TYRONE BUTLER, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, on or before May 8, 2000.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the Charges and Allegations in the Statement of Charges no later than ten days prior to the hearing. Any Charge or Allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such an answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. You may file a brief and affidavits with the Committee. Six copies of all such papers you wish to submit must be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above on or before May 8, 2000 and a copy of all papers must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney indicated below. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

SINCE THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION  
THAT SUSPENDS OR REVOKES YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE  
MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE AND/OR IMPOSES A FINE FOR  
EACH OFFENSE CHARGED. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN  
ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York  
*April 10*, 2000



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

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STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

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**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about October 7, 1999, the State of Vermont, Board of Medical Practice (hereinafter "Vermont Board"), by a Stipulation and Consent Order (hereinafter "Vermont Order"), reprimanded the Respondent, based on his having allowed a nurse, employee, without prescriptive authority, to prescribe medications to a patient using Respondent's prescription pad and Respondent's stamped signature.

B. The conduct resulting in the Vermont Board's 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(11) (permitting an unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license);
2. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws or rules regulating the practice of medicine); and/or

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### **SPECIFICATION**

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

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

DATED: *Jan 10*, 2000  
Albany, New York

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