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May 19, 2003

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

Shaul Debbi, M.D.  
70 Candy Lane  
Great Neck, NY 11023

RE: License No. 178696

Dear Dr. Debbi:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 03-130 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect May 26, 2003.

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. Marks, M.D., J.D.  
Executive Secretary  
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: John R. Wing, Esq.  
Weil, Gotshal and Manges  
767 5th Avenue  
New York, NY 10153

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
SHAUL DEBBI, M.D.

SURRENDER  
ORDER

BPMC No. 03-130

Upon the application of (Respondent) SHAUL DEBBI, M.D. to Surrender HIS license as a physician in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Surrender, and its terms, are adopted and SO ORDERED and it is further

ORDERED, that the name of 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, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney. OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: May 19 2003

*William P. Dillon, M.D.*  
WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

**IN THE MATTER  
OF  
SHAUL DEBBI, M.D.**

**SURRENDER  
OF  
LICENSE**

**SHAUL DEBBI, M.D., representing all statements herein made to be true,  
deposes and says:**

**I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York  
by the New York State Education Department.**

**My current address is 70 Candy Lane, Great Neck, New York.**

**I understand that I have been charged with one 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  
permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York on the  
grounds that I agree not to contest the one specification of professional misconduct  
in full satisfaction of the Statement of Charges.**

**I hereby make this application to the State Board for Professional Medical  
Conduct and request that it be granted.**

**I understand that, in the event that the application 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 application 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 State Board for Professional Medical Conduct grants my application, an order shall be issued striking my name from the roster of physicians in the State of New York without further notice to me. I agree that such order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Surrender Order to me at the address set forth in this agreement, or to my attorney, or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is earliest.


I am making this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive any right I may have to contest the Surrender Order for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

DATED 5/19/03

  
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SHAUL DEBBI, MD  
RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent to surrender his license.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Rusty Wing, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 5/19/03

  
Daniel Guenzburger  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional  
Medical Conduct

Date: 5/19/03

  
DENNIS J. GRAZIANO  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER  
OF  
SHAUL DEBBI, M.D.

STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

SHAUL DEBBI, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about and between 1998 and through 2001, the Respondent, an ophthalmologist, treated residents of various Adult Homes in New York City and the surrounding counties. Many of the residents suffered from psychiatric disabilities. In connection with this practice the Respondent filed claims with Medicare which he knew were false.

**SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES**

**SPECIFICATION**

**FRAUDULENT PRACTICE**

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(2) by practicing the profession of medicine fraudulently as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. From 1998 through 2001, SHAUL DEBBI, M.D., submitted fraudulent claims to Medicare.

DATED: May <sup>19</sup> 18, 2003  
New York, New York

*Roy Nemerson* D.D.  
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Roy Nemerson

**GUIDELINES FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A  
REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION ( of 6 months or more)  
OF A MEDICAL LICENSE**

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Respondent shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing himself as being eligible to practice medicine.
2. Respondent shall have delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299 his original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Order.
3. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of the Order notify his patients of the cessation of his medical practice and will refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
4. Respondent shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of the medical records of his patients. Within thirty days of the effective date of the Order, Respondent shall notify OPMC of these arrangements including the appropriate and acceptable contact person's name, address, and telephone number who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least six years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least six years after the last date of service or three years after the patient reaches the age of majority whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place which is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information on the record is kept confidential and made available only to authorized persons. When a patient or and/or his or her representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record or requests that the original medical record be forwarded to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of their inability to pay.
5. In the event that Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate, Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender his DEA controlled substance privileges to the DEA. Respondent shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 to the DEA.
6. Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Controlled Substances of the New York State Department of Health. Respondent shall cause all prescription pads bearing his name to be destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at his practice location, all medications shall be properly disposed.
7. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services. Respondent shall cause all signs to be removed within fifteen (15) days and stop all advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories or otherwise, professional stationery or billings by which his eligibility to practice is represented.

8. Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by himself or others while barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Respondent may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of this Order.

9. If Respondent is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and if his license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of six months or more under the terms of this Order, Respondent shall divest himself of all financial interest in the professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Respondent is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or further criminal penalties as may be authorized pursuant to the law. Under Section 6612 of the Education Law it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when such professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in section 230-a of the Public Health Law, which includes fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Respondent is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.