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Executive Secretary

November 5, 1997

## CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Leon Cantor, M.D. 65-69 N.W. 39 Terrace Boca Raton, Florida 33496

RE: License No. 115582

Dear Dr. Cantor:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 97-263 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect upon receipt of this letter or seven (7) days after the date of this letter, whichever is earlier.

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.

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.

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**Executive Secretary** 

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc:

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

#### IN THE MATTER

OF

LEON CANTOR, M.D.

SURRENDER OF LICENSE

BPMC #97-263

STATE OF FLORIDA )

COUNTY OF DADE )

LEON CANTOR, M.D., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

SS.:

On or about January 22, 1973, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 11582 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 65-69 N.W. 39 Terrace, Boca Raton, Fl. 33496, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

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 admit guilt to the one specification 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 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.

LEON CANTOR, M.D.

Sworn to before me this

13 day of Oct & 1997

NOTARY PUBLIC

BRETT GILBERT
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 31-4924103
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires February 22, 19

Date: Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

**OF** 

LEON CANTOR, M.D.

SURRENDER

Upon the proposed agreement of LEON CANTOR, M.D. (Respondent) 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 application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; 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 take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon receipt by Respondent of this order via certified mail, or seven days after mailing of this order via certified mail, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 10/23/97

PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H

Chairperson

State Board for Professional

Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

LEON CANTOR, M.D.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

LEON CANTOR, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about January 22, 1973, by the issuance of license number 115582 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about September, 19, 1997, Respondent pleaded guilty and was convicted in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, of violating Title 18 USC §§1341,1342 and 3551, in that, he submitted bills through the mail to Medicare and private insurance companies for services that he never rendered; specifically, he claimed that he had performed bronchoscopes, laryngoscopies, spirometries and endoscopies, when he had actually performed various types of cosmetic surgeries.

Respondent was sentenced to 10 months in jail; to be followed by 3 years of supervised release, during which period he will be required to annually perform 1,000 hours of community service; he was fined \$100,000 and ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$1,442,803.

### SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

# SPECIFICATION CRIMINAL CONVICTION (Federal)

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(a)(ii)(McKinney Supp. 1997) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A.

DATED:

September , 1997 New York, New York

> ROY NEMERSON Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct