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January 25, 2002

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

James M. Hickman, R.P.A.  
2082 Main Street  
Hannover, ME 04237

RE: License No. 004171

Dear Mr. Hickman:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 02-37 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect January 25, 2002.

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

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

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**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**JAMES M. HICKMAN, R.P.A.**  
**CO-01-06-2942-A**

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**SURRENDER**

**ORDER**

BPMC No. 02-37

**JAMES M. HICKMAN, R. P. A.** says:

On or about October 26, 1990, I was licensed to practice medicine as a registered physician assistant in the State of New York having been issued License No. 004171 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 2082 Main Street, Hannover, Maine 04237.

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 two (2) specifications 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 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 two (2) 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 or manner.

Date: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2001

  
JAMES M. HICKMAN, R. P.A.  
Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 14 January, 2002

  
ROBERT BOGAN  
Associate Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical  
Conduct

Date: 18 January, 2001

  
DENNIS J. GRAZIANO  
Director, Office of Professional  
Medical Conduct

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

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**STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**CHARGES**

**JAMES M. HICKMAN, R. P. A.**, the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 26, 1990, by the issuance of license number 004171 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about April 9, 2001, the State of Alaska, Department of Commerce and Economic Development, State Medical Board (hereinafter "Alaska Board"), by an Order (hereinafter "Alaska Order"), accepted the surrender of Respondent's Physician Assistant License, based on Respondent practicing medicine without a valid and approved collaborative plan in place for June 8, 2000 through July 5, 2000.

B. The conduct resulting in the Alaska Board 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(2) (practicing the profession beyond its authorized scope);
2. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
3. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulations governing the practice of medicine);
4. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness); and/or
5. New York Education Law §6530(24) (practicing beyond the scope permitted by law).

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
**FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York 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 upon which the finding was based 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 B.

**SECOND SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having surrendered his Physician Assistant license or having 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 surrender 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:

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

DATED: *October 30*, 2000  
Albany, New York

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

**ORDER**

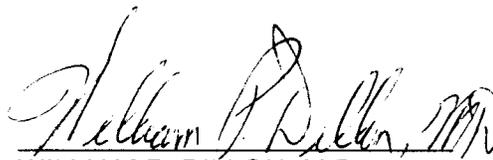
Upon the proposed agreement of **JAMES M. HICKMAN, R. P.A.**, to Surrender his license as a registered physician assistant in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

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: 11/24, 2002



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