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December 17, 1999

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Ronnie L. Alterman, M.D.
1675 York Avenue
Apt. 8M
New York, NY 10128

RE: License No. 171869

Dear Dr. Alterman:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 99-313 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **December 17, 1999.**

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

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower, Room 1315
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,



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

Enclosure

cc: Peter Chavkin, Esq.
Stillman & Friedman, P.C.
425 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10002

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D.

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND
ORDER
BPMC #99-313

RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D., (Respondent) says:

On August 14, 1987, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 171869 by the New York State Education Department.

My current addresses are 1675 York Avenue, Apt. 8M, New York, New York 10128 (home) and 10 Union Square, Suite 5H, New York, New York 10003 (office) and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my home or office address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with three specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges is annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit A.

I do not contest the second specification in full satisfaction of any charges that could be brought against me based on my affiliation with any professional services corporation including NYCMS and/or CCHS.

I agree to the following penalty:

My licence to practice medicine shall be suspended for three years with the suspension stayed on condition that I comply with the terms of condition attached

hereto, made part hereof, and marked as Exhibit B.

I shall be fined fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00), payable in ten equal, quarterly installments beginning ninety days after the effective date of the order issued hereunder.

My license to practice medicine shall be limited and restricted to prohibit me from incorporating, acquiring, owning shares of, being a director of, or being an officer of any professional services corporation.

I further agree that the consent order shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain current registration of his license with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of this order and will continue while the licensee possesses his/her license.

That Respondent shall cooperate in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed.

Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's control upon the direction of OPMC.

This condition shall be in effect beginning upon the effective date of the order and will continue while the licensee possesses his/her license.

I stipulate that any failure by me to comply with the terms of condition shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29). I agree that in the event I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, this agreement and order shall be

admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

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

I understand that, in the event that this application is not granted by the Board, 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 Board shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by the Board 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. 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 Consent 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 Consent Order, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the application be granted.

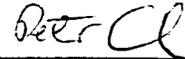
AFFIRMED:

DATED: 11/23/99


RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D.

The undersigned agree to the attached application of the Respondent and to the proposed penalty based on the terms and conditions thereof.

DATE: 11/23/99



PETER CHAVKIN, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 12/2/99



KEVIN C ROE
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: December 7, 1999



ANNE F. SAILE
Director
Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER

Upon the proposed agreement of **RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D.** (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted, and 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 of the Consent Order to Respondent at the address set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney by certified mail, or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 12/14/99



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

EXHIBIT A

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D. : CHARGES
and/or
NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL :
SERVICES, P.C. :

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RONNIE L. ALTERMAN, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on August 14, 1987, by the issuance of license number 171869 by the New York State Education Department.

NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C., Respondent, a professional services corporation formed under Article 15 of the New York Business Corporation Law, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 27, 1994.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or before November 1, 1994, Respondent Alterman acquired Respondent New York Comprehensive Medical Services, P.C. (NYCMS), a professional service corporation formed pursuant to Article 15 of the New York Business Corporation Law and authorized to practice medicine in the State of New York. Respondent Alterman is listed as the sole shareholder, sole

director, president, and chief executive officer of NYCMS.

B. On or about January 7, 1998, Respondent NYCMS was authorized to do business as Colonie Comprehensive Health Services (CCHS). From January 7, 1998, to present, CCHS operated at 1694 Central Avenue, Albany, N.Y. 12205.

C. Respondent Alterman acquired Respondent NYCMS and caused the necessary documents to be filed with the New York State Education Department and the New York Department of State, knowing that he did not intend to practice medicine through the professional services corporation.

D. Respondent Alterman, through various management contracts and other agreements, ceded control of Respondent NYCMS and CCHS to persons not authorized to control a professional services corporation in New York State.

E. Respondent Alterman failed to adequately participate in the affairs of Respondent NYCMS and CCHS.

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

PERMITTING UNLICENSED PRACTICE

Respondents are charged with permitting, aiding, or abetting a person not authorized by law to perform activities requiring a

license in violation of New York Education Law §6530(11), in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, D, and/or E.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

IMPROPER DELEGATION OF DUTIES

Respondents are charged with delegating professional responsibilities to a person when he knew or should have known that such person was not qualified by law to perform in violation of New York Education Law §6530(25), in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, D, and/or E.

THIRD SPECIFICATION

FRAUD

Respondents are charged with practicing the profession fraudulently in violation of New York Education Law §6530(2), in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, C, D, and/or E.

DATED: , 1999

Albany, New York

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

EXHIBIT B

Terms of Condition

1. Respondent shall conduct himself in all ways in a manner befitting his professional status, and shall conform fully to the moral and professional standards of conduct and obligations imposed by law and by his profession.
2. Respondent shall submit written notification to the New York State Department of Health addressed to the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299; said notice is to include a full description of any employment and practice, professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within or without New York State, and any and all investigations, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility, within thirty days of each action.
3. Any civil penalty or fine not paid by the date prescribed herein shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State. This includes but is not limited to the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law section 171(27)]; State Finance Law section 18; CPLR section 5001; Executive Law section 32]. Failure to pay any civil penalty or fine imposed hereunder by the date prescribed herein shall constitute a violation of these terms of condition.
4. These terms of condition shall be tolled during periods in which Respondent is not engaged in the active practice of medicine in New York State. Respondent shall notify the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in or intends to leave the active practice of medicine in New York State for a period of thirty (30) consecutive days or more. Respondent shall then notify the Director again prior to any change in that status. The period of stayed suspension shall resume and any terms of condition which were not fulfilled shall be fulfilled upon Respondent's return to practice in New York State. This provision does not apply to the terms of condition set forth in paragraphs seven and eight below.
5. Respondent's professional performance may be reviewed by the Director of OPMC. This review may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of office records, patient records and/or hospital charts, interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and his/her staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
6. Except during periods of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain current registration of his license with the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, and pay all registration fees. This condition shall be in effect beginning thirty days after the effective date of the consent order and continue until the full term of the order has run.
7. Respondent shall cooperate fully in every respect with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this order and in its investigation of all matters regarding Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to each and every request by OPMC to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide any and all documents and information within Respondent's control upon the direction of OPMC.
8. Respondent shall comply with all terms, conditions, restrictions, limitations and penalties to which he or she is subject pursuant to the order and shall assume and bear all costs related to compliance. Upon receipt of evidence of noncompliance with, or any violation

of these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation proceeding as described in NY Public Health Law §230(19) and/or any such other proceeding as may be authorized pursuant to the law. Upon written notification to Respondent by the Director of OPMC that she/he has determined that he has violated the terms of condition and/or is not in compliance with the terms of condition, the stay of the suspension is vacated and Respondent's licence shall be actively suspended until final resolution of the alleged violations of the terms of condition pursuant to the procedure set forth in NY Public Health Law §230(19).



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Office of the Professions
Professional Corporations Unit, Room 3000
Department of Education
Cultural Education Center
Albany, NY 12230

Kevin C. Roe, Esq.

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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IN THE MATTER : SURRENDER
OF : ORDER
NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE :
MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C. : BPMC #99-312

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NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C. (NYCMS), Respondent, is a professional services corporation formed under Article 15 of the New York Business Corporation Law, and was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 27, 1994.

I am listed the sole shareholder, sole director, and president of NYCMS.

I understand that NYCMS has been charged with three specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the statement of charges attached hereto, made part hereof, and marked as Exhibit A.

As the listed shareholder, sole director, and president of NYCMS and on behalf of NYCMS, I do not contest the second specification of the Statement of Charges.

As the listed shareholder, sole director, and president of NYCMS and on behalf of

NYCMS, I request that the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct allow me to surrender the authority of NYCMS to practice medicine in the State of New York and consent to the revocation of its certificate of incorporation. I request that the Board issue this Order.

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 NYCMS, or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me or NYCMS. This proposed agreement shall not be used against me or NYCMS in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of any professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding. A denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion, or restraint of any kind or manner.


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NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE
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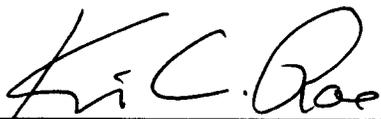
AGREED TO:

DATE: 11/22/99



PETER CHAVKIN, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 12/2/99



KEVIN C. ROE
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: 12/9/99



ANNE F. SAILE
Director
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ORDER

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ORDERED, that the agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the authority of NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C. to practice medicine in the State of New York is surrendered; it is further

ORDERED, that the certificate of incorporation of NEW YORK COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL SERVICES, P.C. is revoked, it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall take effect upon filing of this order with the New York Department of State.

DATED: 12/14/99


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