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June 23, 2005

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Claire E. Arment, M.D.
450 W. Taylor Street
Vista, CA 92094

Corrected Action

RE: License No. 176434

Dear Dr. Arment:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 05-122 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 30, 2005.

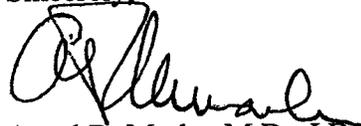
If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days or receipt of the of the Order to:

Board for Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Hedley Park Place, Suite 303
433 River Street
Troy, New York 12180

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 1258
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ansel R. Marks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "M".

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.

Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D.

CONSENT
ORDER
BPMC No. 05-122

Upon the proposed agreement of **CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D.**, (Respondent) for Consent Order, which application is made a part hereof, it is agreed and

ORDERED, that the application and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and so ORDERED, 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: 6-21-2005


KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D.
CO-05-01-0427-A

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND ORDER

CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D., (Respondent) being duly sworn deposes and says:

That on or about October 6, 1988, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued License No. 176434 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 450 Taylor Street, Vista, CA 92084, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board of Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) 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 Factual Allegations A and B(1) and the First Specification, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and hereby agree to the following penalty:

\$2,500.00 fine.

The fine is to be paid within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 1258, Albany, NY 12237-0016

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I, hereby, apply shall impose the following conditions:

That, except during periods of actual suspension, Respondent shall maintain current registration of Respondent's 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 will continue while the licensee possess her license; and

That Respondent shall fully 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 Consent Order and will continue while the licensee possesses his/her license.

I, hereby, stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York State Education Law §6530(29).

I agree that in the event that I am charged with professional misconduct in the future, the agreement and order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I, hereby, 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 for which I hereby apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Application be granted.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 14 June 2005

Claire E. Arment M.D.
CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D.
Respondent

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

DATE: 16 June 2005

Robert Bogan
ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 20 June 2005

Dennis J. Graziano
DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D.
CO-05-01-0427-A

STATEMENT

OF

CHARGES

CLAIRE E. ARMENT, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on October 6, 1988, by the issuance of license number 176434 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about December 21, 2004, the State of Florida, Board of Medicine (hereinafter "Florida Board"), by a Notice of Intent to Approve Licensure with Conditions (hereinafter "Florida Order"), fined Respondent \$5,000.00, based on failing to disclose a DUI arrest and misdemeanor conviction on 1985, 1987, and 2004 licensure applications, thereby misrepresenting or concealing a material fact at any time during any phase of a licensing or disciplinary process or procedure.

B. The conduct resulting in the Florida 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(1) (obtaining the license fraudulently);
2. New York Education Law §6530(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);

and/or

3. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness).

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 disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *April 18*, 2005
Albany, New York


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