



New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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August 5, 1998

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Gregory O'Keefe, III, M.D.
PO Box 325
Cooperstown, New York 13326

RE: License No. 195984

Dear Dr. O'Keefe:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 98-162 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect **August 5, 1998.**

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.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Robert Bogan, Esq.

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

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IN THE MATTER : CONSENT
OF : AGREEMENT
GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D. : AND ORDER
: BPMC # 98-162

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF OTSEGO)

GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D., deposes and says:

That on or about June 10, 1994, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, having been issued license number 195984 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is P.O. Box 325, Cooperstown, New York 13326, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me 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 agree not to contest the specification. I hereby agree to the following penalty:

Censure and Reprimand

I further agree that the Consent Order for which I hereby apply shall impose a condition that, except during periods of actual suspension, I maintain current registration of my 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 continuing until the full term of the Order has run, and until any associated period of probation and all probation terms have been completed and satisfied. I hereby stipulate that any failure by me to comply with such condition 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, this 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.

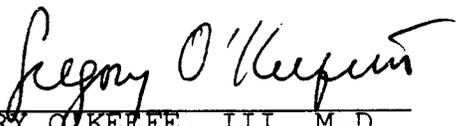
I understand that, in the event that this Application is not granted by the Board, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such Application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict 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 as of the date of the personal service of this order upon me, upon mailing of this order to me at the address set forth in this agreement or to my attorney by certified mail, 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:



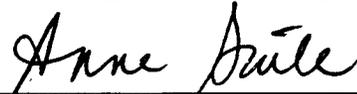
GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

DATE: 23 July 1998


ROBERT BOGAN
ASSISTANT COUNSEL
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

DATE: July 27, 1998


ANNE F. SAILE
DIRECTOR
Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER :
OF : CONSENT
GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D. : ORDER
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Upon the proposed agreement of GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, 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 so ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this order shall be effective as of the date of the personal service of this order upon Respondent, upon mailing of this 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:

July 29, 1998


PATRICK F. CARONE, M.D., M.P.H.
Chairperson
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D. : CHARGES

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GREGORY O'KEEFE, III, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on June 10, 1994, by the issuance of license number 195984 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about December 9, 1997 to on or about January 20, 1998 the Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement with the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine (hereinafter "Maine Board").

B. The Consent Agreement described in Paragraph A above contained among its Statement of Facts that:

1. Dr. O'Keefe was employed by the Island Community Medical Center ("ICMC") as the sole, full-time physician in Vinalhaven, Maine from 1991 until 1993. During this time, Dr. O'Keefe was responsible for the submission of reimbursement claim forms to Medicaid for services which were never performed. Medicaid paid ICMC \$5,258.09 for tests which were not documented in patient records.

2. In February, 1996, Dr. O'Keefe signed a Consent Agreement with the Attorney General's Office which settled a Medicaid fraud complaint. Dr. O'Keefe agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$6,000. the Board issued a complaint against Dr. O'Keefe based on this action.

C. The Consent Agreement cited in Paragraph A above contained among other matters in its Agreement section that:

1. Dr. O'Keefe agrees to accept a REPRIMAND from the Board.
2. Dr. O'Keefe agrees to pay a fine of \$1500.

D. The conduct resulting in the disciplinary action taken by the "Board" would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state pursuant to N.Y. Educ. Law §6530 (21) (willfully making or filing a false report).

SPECIFICATIONS

1. Respondent is charged with professional misconduct under N.Y. Educ. Law §6530 (9)(d) by reason of having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized 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 of New York State in that Petitioner charges:

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

Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN
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Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct