



STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

77 South High Street, 17th Floor • Columbus, Ohio 43266-0315 • (614) 466-3934

February 16, 1996

Salomon Meles, M.D.
3631 S.W. 109 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33165

Dear Doctor Meles:

Please find enclosed a certified copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry approved and confirmed by the State Medical Board meeting in regular session on February 14, 1996.

Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code, may authorize an appeal from this Order. Such an appeal may be taken to the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas only.

Such an appeal setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Very truly yours,

Thomas E. Gretter, M.D.
Secretary

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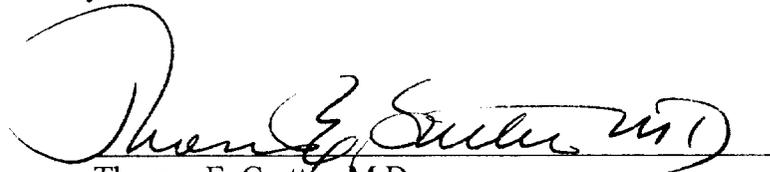
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry, approved by the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on February 14, 1996, constitute a true and complete copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry in the matter of Salomon Meles, M.D., as it appears in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This certification is made by authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio and in its behalf.

(SEAL)



Thomas E. Grettler, M.D.
Secretary

2/15/96

Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

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SALOMON MELES, M.D.

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FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

By letter dated September 6, 1995 and mailed September 7, 1995, notice was given to Salomon Meles, M.D., that the State Medical Board intended to consider disciplinary action regarding his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio, and that he was entitled to a hearing if such hearing was requested within thirty (30) days of the mailing of said notice. In accordance with Section 119.07, Ohio Revised Code, said notice was sent via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of Salomon Meles, M.D., that being 3631 S.W. 109 Avenue, Miami, FL, 33165. Dr. Meles timely requested a hearing on the Board's proposed action by letter filed on October 5, 1995. Subsequently, by certified letter dated November 8, 1995 and mailed on November 9, 1995, the Board notified Salomon Meles, M.D., that it intended to consider disciplinary action on the basis of further enumerated allegations, and that he was again entitled to a hearing if such hearing was timely requested. A request for hearing based on the second notice was timely filed on behalf of Salomon Meles, M.D., on November 20, 1995.

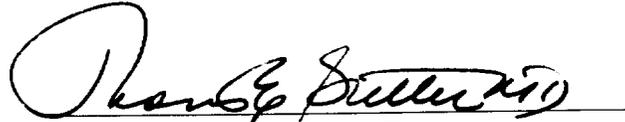
On December 4, 1995, in response to a motion filed by Dr. Meles' counsel, Attorney Hearing Examiner R. Gregory Porter issued an Entry consolidating the hearings regarding the September 6, 1995 and November 8, 1995 notices. However, by notice filed on December 22, 1995, Salomon Meles, M.D., withdrew the written hearing requests that had been previously filed in this matter.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons outlined in the September 6, 1995 letter of notice, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Salomon Meles, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be PERMANENTLY REVOKED

FURTHER, for the reasons outlined in the November 8, 1995 letter of notice, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Salomon Meles, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be PERMANENTLY REVOKED

These Orders shall become effective February 14, 1996.

These Orders are hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 14th day of February, 1996, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.



Thomas E. Gretter, M.D.
Secretary

(SEAL)

2/27/96

Date



STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

77 South High Street, 17th Floor • Columbus, Ohio 43266-0315 • (614) 466-3934

November 8, 1995

Salomon Meles, M.D.
3631 S.W. 109 Avenue
Miami, FL 33165

Dear Doctor Meles:

In accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about April 8, 1994, you completed and signed an application for renewal of your medical licensure for the 1994-1996 biennium certifying that the information was true and correct in every respect.
 - a) You answered "No" to question five (5) which asked, "At any time since signing your last application for renewal of your certificate, have you had any disciplinary action taken or initiated against you by any state licensing board other than the State Medical board of Ohio?"

In fact, on or about December 20, 1993, the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Board of Medicine, filed an Amended Administrative Complaint, Case No. 92-14389, Salomon Meles, M.D., alleging that you violated Section 458.331(1)(c), of the Florida Statutes.

Further, on or about January 5, 1994, in the presence of a Notary Public, you signed an Election of Rights document requesting the opportunity to discuss a settlement agreement with the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation, based on the Administrative Complaint for Case No. 92-14389, Salomon Meles, M.D.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing any license or certificate issued by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(A), *Ohio Revised Code*.

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Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "publishing a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code.

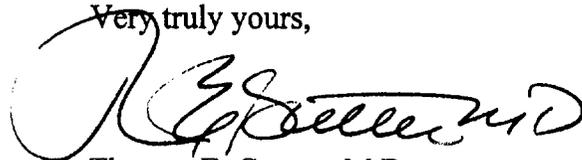
Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice.

You are further advised that you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Thomas E. Gretter, M.D.

Secretary

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cc: Kevin P. Byers, Esq.

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STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

77 South High Street, 17th Floor • Columbus, Ohio 43266-0315 • (614) 466-3934

September 6, 1995

Salomon Meles, M.D.
3631 S.W. 109 Ave.
Miami, FL 33165

Dear Doctor Meles:

In accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about June 23, 1992, you pleaded guilty and were convicted in the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, of one (1) count of Conspiracy to defraud U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare Program.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "(a) plea of guilty to, or a judicial finding of guilt of, a felony," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code.

- (2) On or about November 14, 1994, the State of Florida Agency For Health Care Administration, Board of Medicine, entered an Order suspending your license to practice medicine in Florida for a period of ninety (90) days, and thereafter placing it on probation for a period of five (5) years under certain terms and conditions. You were also ordered to pay an administrative fine of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars within one (1) year of the filing of the Final Order. The Order was based on your conviction of one (1) count of conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare Program, through the filing of fraudulent claims. A copy of the Florida Board's Order is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein.

The Order of the Florida Board of Medicine, as alleged in paragraph (2) above, individually and/or collectively, constitutes "(t)he limitation, revocation, or suspension by another state of a license or certificate to practice issued by the proper licensing authority of that state, the refusal to license, register, or reinstate an applicant by that authority, or

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the imposition of probation by that authority, for an action that also would have been a violation of this chapter, except for nonpayment of fees," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Section 4731.22(B)(9), Ohio Revised Code.

- (3) On or about November 20, 1994, the Office of Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services notified you that they were excluding you from participation in the Medicare and Medicaid programs for a period of ten (10) years. This exclusion was based upon your conviction for conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare program.

Your exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, as alleged in paragraph (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitutes "(t)ermination or suspension from Medicare or Medicaid programs by the department of health and human services or other responsible agency for any act or acts that would also constitute a violation of division (B)(2), (3), (6), (8), or (19) of this section," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(25), Ohio Revised Code, to wit: Section 4731.22(B)(8), Ohio Revised Code.

- (4) On or about April 3, 1993, you completed and signed an application for renewal of medical licensure for the biennium July 1, 1992 - September 30, 1994, certifying that the information was true and correct in every respect.
 - a) You answered "No" to part (A) of the question which asked, "Have you been found guilty of, or pled guilty or no contest to: A felony or misdemeanor."

In fact, on or about June 23, 1992, you were convicted of one (1) count of conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare program.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (4) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "fraud, misrepresentation, or deception in applying for or securing any license or certificate issued by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(A), Ohio Revised Code.

Further, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (4) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "publishing a false, fraudulent, deceptive, or misleading statement," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must

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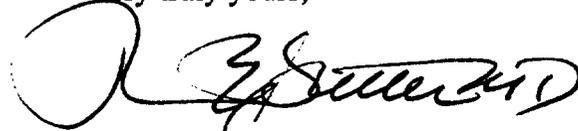
be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice.

You are further advised that you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. E. Gretter, M.D.", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Thomas E. Gretter, M.D.
Secretary

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Enclosures

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STATE OF FLORIDA
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF MEDICINE

AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE
ADMINISTRATION, BOARD
OF MEDICINE,

Petitioner,

v.

SALOMON MELES, M.D.,

Respondent.

Final Order No. AHCA-94-739 Date 11-14-94

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Agency for Health Care Administration
AGENCY CLERK

R.S. Power, Agency Clerk

By: Branda S. Nore
Deputy Agency Clerk

CASE NO: 92-14389

LICENSE NO: ME 0025186

FINAL ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Board of Medicine pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, on September 30, 1994, in Coral Gables, Florida. At the hearing, Petitioner was represented by Larry G. McPherson, Jr., Chief Medical Attorney. Respondent was present and represented at the hearing by Robert S. Turk, Esquire. The parties have been properly noticed of the hearing. Respondent did not dispute the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, and requested an informal hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. Accordingly, the facts are not contested. Upon consideration of the Administrative Complaint filed against Respondent, Election of Rights, and the arguments presented, and having been otherwise fully advised in its premises, the Board of Medicine makes the following findings and conclusions:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On December 20, 1993, the Agency for Health Care Administration filed an Amended Administrative Complaint against Salomon Meles, M.D., seeking to take disciplinary action against his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida.

2. Thereafter, the Respondent requested an informal hearing before the Board of Medicine.

3. The Board adopts as its findings of fact the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1-6 of the Amended Administrative Complaint filed in this cause and which is attached to this Final Order and incorporated herein by reference.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter of this case pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(c), Florida Statutes and having determined that a violation exists, it is appropriate for the Board to impose disciplinary action against the license of Salomon Meles, M.D.

DISPOSITION

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED and ADJUDGED that Respondent has violated Section 458.331(1)(c), Florida Statutes, the following penalty shall be imposed.

1. Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of two thousand five hundred (\$2,500) dollars within one (1) year of the filing of the Final Order.

2. Upon the filing of the Final Order in this cause, Respondent's license to practice medicine shall be suspended for a period of ninety (90) days.

3. Thereafter, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida shall be placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Said probation shall also include complying with any and all terms set-out in criminal probation.

4. During each year of probation, the Respondent shall complete ten (10) hours of Category I Continuing Medical Education in the area of ethics. Respondent shall submit a written plan to the Chairman of the Probationer's Committee for approval prior to the completion of said continuing education hours. The Board confers authority on the Chairman of the Probationer's Committee to approve or disapprove said continuing education hours. In addition, Respondent shall submit documentation in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other papers, such as physician's recognition awards, documenting completion of these medical education courses within one (1) year of the entry of the Final Order in this matter. All such

documentation shall be sent to the Board of Medicine, regardless of whether some or any of such documentation was previously provided during the course of any audit or discussion with counsel for the Department. These hours shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, said continuing medical education courses shall consist of a formal, live lecture format.

2. During the period of probation, the Respondent shall perform one hundred (100) hours of community service. Community service shall consist of medical services provided directly to patients without fee or cost to the patient for the good of the people of the State of Florida. Such community service shall be performed outside the physician's regular practice setting. Respondent shall submit a written plan for performance and completion of the community service to the Board's Probationer's Committee for approval prior to performance of said community service. Affidavits detailing the completion of community service requirements shall be filed with the Board quarterly.

This Final Order becomes effective upon its filing with the Clerk of the Agency for Health Care Administration.

NOTICE

The Parties are hereby notified that they may appeal this Final Order by filing one copy of a Notice of Appeal with the Clerk of the Agency for Health Care Administration and by filing one copy of a Notice of Appeal and the appropriate filing fee with the District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days of the date this

Final Order is filed.

DONE and ORDERED this 2nd day of November, 1994.

BOARD OF MEDICINE


EDWARD A. DAUER, M.D.
CHAIRMAN

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been forwarded by U.S. Mail to Salomon Meles, M.D., 3631 SW 109th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165, Robert S. Turk, Esquire, Suite 3400, One Biscayne Tower, 2 South Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33131-1897 and by hand delivery to Larry G. McPherson, Jr., Chief Medical Attorney, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0792 on this _____ day of _____, 1994.

Marm Harris, Ed.D.
Executive Director

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,

PETITIONER,

vs.

CASE NO. 92-14389

SALOMON MELES, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

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AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW the Petitioner, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner," and files this Amended Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Salomon Meles, M.D. hereinafter referred to as "Respondent," and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.165, Florida Statutes; Chapter 455, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. Respondent is and has been at all times material hereto a licensed physician in the State of Florida, having been issued license number ME 0025186. Respondent's last known address is 3631 S.W. 109 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33165.

3. On or about June 23, 1992, Respondent pleaded guilty to, and was found guilty of, one (1) count of conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare Program, through the filing of fraudulent claims.

4. The same day, Respondent was given the following sentence: fifteen (15) months imprisonment with subsequent three (3) years supervised release; a \$10,000 fine; and \$65,000 restitution.

5. On May 11, 1993, the court, upon motion by the government, reconsidered the sentence imposed upon Respondent and vacated the period of imprisonment and the \$10,000 fine. Instead, Respondent was placed on three (3) years of probation. Additionally, the amount of restitution was made payable over the period of probation.

6. Respondent is guilty of being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of medicine or to the ability to practice medicine in that on or about June 23, 1992, Respondent plead guilty to, and was found guilty of, one (1) count of conspiracy to defraud the United States Department of Health & Human Services, Medicare Program.

7. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 458.331(1)(c), Florida Statutes, in that he is guilty of being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of medicine or to the ability to practice medicine.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests the Board of Medicine to enter an Order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or

suspension of the Respondent's license, restriction of the Respondent's practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 20 day of December, 1993.

George Stuart, Secretary



Larry G. McPherson, Jr.
Chief Medical Attorney

COUNSEL FOR DEPARTMENT:

Larry G. McPherson, Jr.
Chief Medical Attorney
Department of Business and
Professional Regulation
1940 North Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0750
Florida Bar #788643
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PCP: December 15, 1993
Murray, Slade, and Varn

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Department of Business and Professional Regulation
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DATE 12-20-93

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

RE: SALOMON MELES, M.D.

CASE NO. 92-14389

ELECTION OF RIGHTS
(PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 OF THE 4 OPTIONS)

I have read the Explanation of Rights on the reverse side of this form and understand my options. (If you do not understand these options, please consult with your attorney or contact the Legal Services Section, Division of Regulation, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, telephone number (904) 488-0062, before executing this form).

1. () I do not dispute the allegations of fact in the Administrative Complaint, but do wish to be accorded an informal hearing or proceeding, pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, at which time I will be permitted to submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the complaint to the Board.

2. () I do not dispute the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and waive my right to object or to be heard.

3. () I do dispute the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for formal hearing, pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before a Hearing Officer appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings.

4. (X) I request the opportunity to discuss a settlement agreement in this case with the Department. I agree that I will either elect one of the 3 above options, or submit a signed settlement agreement within 60 days of the date the Administrative Complaint in this case was served. I understand that failure to do so may result in a default proceeding against me.

Regardless of which option I have selected, I understand that I will be given notice of the time, date and place when this matter is being considered by the Board for final action at a scheduled meeting.

(Please sign and fill in your current address.)

[Signature]
Respondent,
Address: 3631 S.W. 109th Ave
Lic. No. ME-0025186 Phone No. (305) 451-1122

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF Florida

Before me, personally appeared Salomon Meles
whose identity is known to me by Florida drivers license
(type of identification) and who, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above.

Sworn to or affirmed by Affiant before me this 5 day of Jan, 1993 1994

[Signature]
Notary Public-State of Florida
Judy Cavanagh
Type or Print Name

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My Commission Expires

OFFICIAL NOTARY SEAL
JUDY CAVANAGH
NOTARY PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA
COMMISSION NO. CC297044
MY COMMISSION EXP. JULY 19, 1997

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: Larry G. McPherson, Jr., Chief Medical Attorney, Department of Business and Professional Regulation, 1940 North Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0792, (904) 488-0062.