



State Medical Board of Ohio

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January 12, 2000

Joan Mary Billings, M.D.
1200 McCrackin Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Dear Doctor Billings:

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 January 12, 2000.

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 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,

Anand G. Garg, M.D.
Secretary

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Enclosures

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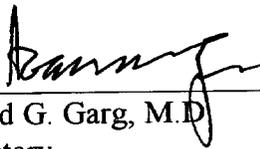
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CERTIFICATION

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 January 12, 2000, constitute a true and complete copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry in the Matter of Joan Mary Billings, M.D.; as it appears in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

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

(SEAL)



Anand G. Garg, M.D.
Secretary

JANUARY 12, 2000
Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

JOAN MARY BILLINGS, M.D.

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FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

By letter dated November 17, 1999, notice was given to Joan Mary Billings, M.D., that the State Medical Board intended to consider disciplinary action regarding her license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio, and that she 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 November 18, 1999, via certified mail, return receipt requested, to the address of record of Doctor Billings, that being 1200 McCrackin Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio, 44125.

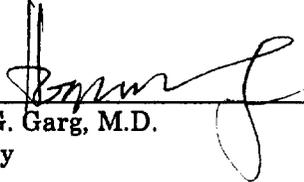
The Medical Board's records reflect that appropriate service of the Notice was obtained. However, no request for hearing has been received and more than thirty (30) days have elapsed since the mailing of the aforesaid Notice.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons outlined in the letter of Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Joan Mary Billings, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be _____
REVOKED

This Order shall become effective IMMEDIATELY.

This Order is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 12TH day of JANUARY 2000, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.

(SEAL)



Anand G. Garg, M.D.
Secretary

JANUARY 12, 2000

Date

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No Insurance Coverage Provided.
Joan Mary Billings, MD
12000 McCrackin Road
Garfield Hts., OH 44125

Postage	\$ 1.21
Certified Fee	1.40
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- The Return Receipt will show to whom the article was delivered and the date delivered.

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- 1. Addressee's Address
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Joan Mary Billings, MD
12000 McCrackin Road
Garfield Hts., OH 44125

4a. Article Number
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6585 Strathmore Drive
Valley View, OH 44125

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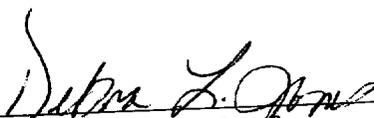
AFFIDAVIT

I, Debra Jones, being duly cautioned and sworn, do hereby depose and say:

- 1) That I am employed by the State Medical Board of Ohio (hereinafter, "The Board")
- 2) That I serve the Board in the position of Chief, Continuing Medical Education, Records, and Renewal;
- 3) That in such position I am the responsible custodian of all public licensee records maintained by the Board pertaining to individuals who have received certificates issued pursuant to Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code;
- 4) That I have this day carefully examined the records of the Board pertaining to Joan Mary Billings, M.D.
- 5) That based on such examination, I have found the last known address of record of Joan Mary Billings, M.D. to be:

1200 McCrackin Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

- 6) Further, Affiant Sayeth Naught.



Debra L. Jones, Chief
Continuing Medical Education,
Records and Renewal

Sworn to and signed before me, Kristine A. Goodman, Notary
Public, this 22nd day of December, 1999.



Notary Public



KRISTINE A. GOODMAN
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires
11/9/2002



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NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 17, 1999

Joan Mary Billings, M.D.
12000 McCrackin Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Dear Doctor Billings:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Entry of Order, the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on November 17, 1999, including a Motion adopting the Order of Summary Suspension and issuing the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code.

You are advised that continued practice after receipt of this Order shall be considered practicing without a certificate, in violation of Section 4731.41, Ohio Revised Code.

Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code, may authorize an appeal from this Order of Summary Suspension. 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 appeal, must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12, Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, pursuant to Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing on the allegations set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. If you wish to request such hearing, that request must be made in writing and be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice. Further information concerning such hearing is contained within the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

Anand G. Garg, M.D., Secretary

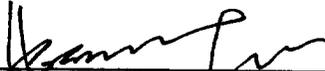
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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copies of the Entry of Order of the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Motion by the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on November 17, 1999, to Adopt the Order of Summary Suspension and to Issue the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, constitute true and complete copies of the Motion and Order as they appear in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

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



Anand G. Garg, M.D., Secretary

(SEAL)

NOVEMBER 17, 1999
Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

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Joan Mary Billings, M.D.

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ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 17th day of November, 1999.

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Anand G. Garg, M.D., Secretary, and Raymond J. Albert, Supervising Member; and

Pursuant to their determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that Joan Mary Billings, M.D., has violated Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, as alleged in Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing which is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein, which determination is based upon review of information received pursuant to an investigation; and

Pursuant to their further determination that Dr. Billings' continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public;

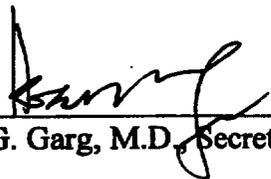
The following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 17th day of November, 1999;

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Joan Mary Billings, M.D., to practice medicine or surgery in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Joan Mary Billings, M.D., shall immediately close all her medical offices and immediately refer all active patients to other appropriate physicians.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

(SEAL)



Anand G. Garg, M.D., Secretary

NOVEMBER 17, 1999
Date



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EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 1999

JOAN MARY BILLINGS, M.D. - ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

At this time the Board read and considered the proposed Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Opportunity For Hearing in the above matter, a copy of which shall be maintained in the exhibits section of this Journal.

DR. AGRESTA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND TO SEND THE NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING TO DR. BILLINGS. DR. SOMANI SECONDED THE MOTION. A vote was taken:

VOTE:

Dr. Bhati	- aye
Dr. Talmage	- aye
Dr. Somani	- aye
Dr. Egner	- aye
Ms. Noble	- aye
Dr. Stienecker	- aye
Dr. Agresta	- aye
Dr. Garg	- abstain
Dr. Steinbergh	- aye

The motion carried.



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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

November 17, 1999

Joan Mary Billings, M.D.
12000 McCrackin Road
Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125

Dear Doctor Billings:

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, permanently 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 May 18, 1992, you were admitted to Rosary Hall at St. Vincent Charity Hospital, a Board approved treatment provider in Cleveland, Ohio, for further evaluation and treatment of your history of consuming alcoholic beverages, two to six drinks a day.

During your assessment, you stated you had previously been assessed for three days at Parkside Behavioral Healthcare, Inc., a Board approved treatment provider in Columbus, Ohio, where you were diagnosed with a positive impression of alcohol dependence. During your assessment at Rosary Hall, you admitted that you had been confronted about alcohol on your breath while you were on duty at Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights, Ohio. You went to Rosary Hall because you were confronted by colleagues concerning your alcohol use.

As a result of the above assessment, Ted Parran, M.D., diagnosed you with alcohol dependence. You then entered inpatient treatment at Rosary Hall on or about May 18, 1992, and were discharged on or about June 10, 1992. During the course of this treatment you admitted that you would drink alcohol during the day while at work.

- (2) On or about May 20, 1999, at approximately 3:30 p.m., you saw a patient at a scheduled appointment while you appeared to be under the influence of alcohol.

- (3) On or about June 21, 1999, you were evaluated by Rosary Hall once again. During your assessment you stated that you received inpatient treatment from Perspective in Virginia for three (3) months in 1992, and that you remained sober for over one (1) year after treatment; that you received inpatient treatment from Rosary Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, for one month, plus aftercare, in 1997, and that you remained sober for one (1) year after treatment; that you drank a half (1/2) of a fifth of vodka daily, with your last drink taken on June 11, 1999; and that you attended outpatient counseling for panic attacks in 1998 which you felt were under control. You were diagnosed with alcohol dependence.

As a result of your evaluation, you were admitted to an outpatient chemical dependency treatment program on or about August 3, 1999. However, you were discharged from this program without completing treatment on or about August 10, 1999, due to your continued absences and failure to contact the staff.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) through (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), 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, if you timely request a hearing, 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, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to register or reinstate your certificate to practice medicine and surgery or to reprimand or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, effective March 9, 1999, provides that “[w]hen the board refuses to grant a certificate to an applicant, revokes an individual’s certificate to practice, refuses to register an applicant, or refuses to reinstate an individual’s certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent

JOAN MARY BILLINGS, M.D.

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action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the certificate or for issuance of a new certificate.”

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Anand G. Garg, M.D.
Secretary

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Enclosures

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