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September 10, 2008

Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A.
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RE: 08-CRF-095

Dear Mr. Taylor:

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 September 10, 2008.

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

Such an appeal setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of an original Notice of Appeal with the State Medical Board of Ohio and a copy with the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas. Any such appeal must be filed 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lance A. Talmage, M.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

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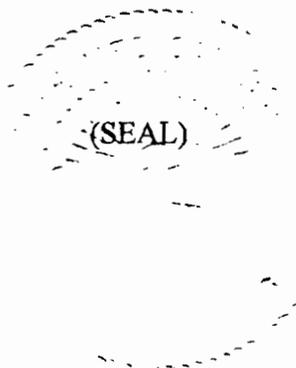
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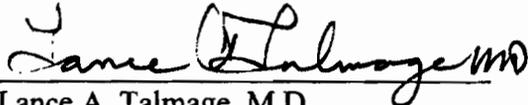
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CERTIFICATION

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 September 10, 2008, constitutes a true and complete copy of the Findings, Order and Journal Entry in the Matter of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., Case Number 08-CRF-095, 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.




Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

September 10, 2008
Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF :
 :
 : Case No. 08-CRF-095
THOMAS EDWARD THOMAS, P.A. :

FINDINGS, ORDER AND JOURNAL ENTRY

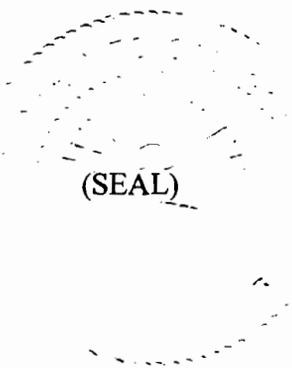
This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio on September 10, 2008, pursuant to a Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing issued to Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., on July 9, 2008. No request for hearing having been received within the statutorily mandated time period, Hearing Examiner Patricia A. Davidson, Esq., on behalf of the Board, reviewed and summarized evidence supporting the Notice, and prepared Proposed Findings and a Proposed Order.

WHEREFORE, having reviewed Ms. Davidson's Proposed Findings and Proposed Order, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein, the Board hereby adopts the Proposed Findings and Proposed Order.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

The certificate of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A, to practice as physician assistant in the State of Ohio is hereby REVOKED.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon the mailing of the notification of approval by the Board.




Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
Secretary

September 10, 2008
Date

**PROPOSED FINDINGS AND PROPOSED ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS EDWARD TAYLOR, P.A.**
Case No. 08-CRF-095

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The Matter of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., was reviewed by Patricia A. Davidson, Hearing Examiner for the State Medical Board of Ohio.

INTRODUCTION

Basis for the Review

1. In a letter and entry dated July 9, 2008, the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] notified Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., that, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section [R.C.] 4730.25(G), the Board had adopted an order summarily suspending his certificate to practice as a physician assistant in Ohio. The Board stated that this action was based on information that a Board-approved treatment provider had determined that Mr. Taylor is impaired as defined at R.C. 4730.25(B)(5) but has not completed a minimum of 28 days of inpatient treatment as required. Further, the Board notified Mr. Taylor that it intended to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or reinstate his certificate, or to reprimand him or place him on probation, based on the allegations regarding impairment. (Ex. 2)

The Board notified Mr. Taylor that he was entitled to a hearing if he submitted a written request that was "received in the offices of the Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice." (Ex. 2)

2. A Board employee personally delivered the Notice on Mr. Taylor on July 10, 2008, and Mr. Taylor signed an acknowledgement of receipt on that date. In addition, the Board mailed the Notice to Mr. Taylor on July 10, 2008, by certified mail to his most recent address of record. The U.S. Postal Service provided a receipt showing that the Notice had been forwarded to another address and was eventually delivered to Mr. Taylor at his new address on July 18, 2008. (Exs. 1, 2)
3. The Board's Public Services Administrator stated under oath that, as of August 18, 2008, Mr. Taylor had not submitted a written hearing request to the Board. (Ex. 2)
4. In a memorandum dated August 21, 2008, and received in the Hearing Unit on August 22, 2008, the Public Services Administrator requested that a Hearing Examiner review the documentary evidence, as provided, in the *Matter of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A.*, Case No. 08-CRF-095, and prepare proposed findings and a proposed order ("PFPO") for the Board. (Ex. 5)

EVIDENCE EXAMINED

Exhibit 1: Affidavit of Debra L. Jones, Continuing Medical Education and Renewal Officer, verifying Mr. Taylor's address of record.

Exhibit 2: Affidavit of Barbara A. Jacobs, Public Services Administrator, with attachments including the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, and documentation of delivery to Mr. Taylor.

Exhibit 3: Affidavit of Angela McNair, Enforcement Attorney for the Board, with attached exhibits:

Exhibit 3-1: Letter to the Board from Harry P. Nguyen, M.D., regarding Mr. Taylor's evaluation at The Woods at Parkside.

Exhibit 3-2: Letter from Ms. McNair to Dr. Nguyen.

Exhibit 3-3: Dr. Nguyen's response to Ms. McNair.

Exhibit 4: Affidavit of Dr. Nguyen with attachments, including his report regarding Mr. Taylor's evaluation and treatment.

Exhibit 5: Memorandum to the Chief Hearing Examiner requesting a review and report.

SUMMARY OF THE EVIDENCE

Background

1. According to the Ohio eLicense Center, Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., was born in 1962 in Springfield, Ohio. In 2001, he graduated from the Physician Assistant Program at the Kettering College Of Medical Arts. The Board granted him a certificate to practice as a physician assistant in October 2001 (No. 50.001707). (<<https://license.ohio.go/lookup/default.asp?division=78>>, August 21, 2008)
2. Mr. Taylor stated that he had worked for about nine years for a spinal surgeon, Dr. Todd. He thereafter worked at St. Ann Hospital in the Emergency Department. As of May 2008, he had been employed at the hospital for about 2.5 years. (Ex. 4)
3. Mr. Taylor reported that, in 2004, he had suffered from severe headaches, but a CT scan of his brain was normal/negative. He stated that he had been prescribed Ultram, the brand name for tramadol, to treat tension headaches, as "there is no other treatment modality." The dosage was 50 mg twice per day. (Ex. 4)
4. Mr. Taylor further reported that, by about June 2007, he had needed more tramadol to obtain the same effect, and began taking up to 500 to 600 mg daily. He said that he had made several attempts to stop using tramadol, but that he would experience withdrawal symptoms. He denied that he had ever obtained tramadol illegally. (Ex. 4)

Treatment at The Woods at Parkside in May 2008

5. On May 18, 2008, Mr. Taylor voluntarily entered The Woods at Parkside [Parkside] in Columbus, Ohio, for treatment of withdrawal symptoms that arose after he had stopped using tramadol. (Ex. 4)
6. Initially, Mr. Taylor's score on the Clinical Opioid Withdrawal Scale was not found to be high enough to initiate buprenorphine detoxification. However, on his second day at Parkside, the withdrawal symptoms increased, and his score justified buprenorphine detoxification, to which he responded very well, according to the Medical Director of the Detox Unit, Harry P. Nguyen, M.D. (Ex. 4)
7. In a letter dated June 3, 2008, Dr. Nguyen reported to the Board that Mr. Taylor had completed three days of detoxification and had continued with inpatient treatment. Dr. Nguyen stated that he had recommended that Mr. Taylor complete 28 days of inpatient treatment, but Mr. Taylor declined, and he was discharged on May 27, 2008. (Ex. 3; Ex. 4)
8. Dr. Nguyen reported that, although Mr. Taylor ceased his inpatient treatment, he came to the Rehabilitation Care Group for continuing care and participated in the Suboxone outpatient maintenance program. Dr. Nguyen further reported Mr. Taylor's comments about his plans for future employment:

He said that he no longer wants to work in [the] medical field and, absolutely doesn't want to work as a Physician Assistant any more; instead he said [he] will complete the treatment of his opioid dependence by Outpatient Suboxone Maintenance Program and counseling, and he will with his partner, open a bakery.

(Ex. 4)

9. In his report, Dr. Nguyen set forth his conclusions:

In summary, Mr. Thomas Taylor has:

1. Tolerance
2. Withdrawal symptoms when stop[s] using
3. Taking opioid medication at higher dose than recommended
4. Failed attempts to stop using (quit)

Impression:

1. Opioid Pain Medication Dependence
2. Tension headache?

(Ex. 4)

10. After receiving Dr. Nguyen's June 3 letter, Angela McNair, a Board Enforcement Attorney, contacted him, asking whether Mr. Taylor suffers from an "impairment" as defined in

R.C. 4730.25(B)(5) and Ohio Admin.Code 4731-16-01. On June 24, 2008, Dr. Nguyen submitted an affirmative response, stating that Mr. Taylor suffered from “an impairment 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.” (Exs. 3, 3-2, 3-3, 4)

11. On August 20, 2008, Dr. Nguyen affirmed in a sworn declaration that Mr. Taylor “is impaired due to opioid pain medication dependency” and had not returned for inpatient treatment at Parkside. (Ex. 4) On August 18, 2008, Ms. McNair stated in a sworn affidavit that, as of that date, the Board had received no information to indicate that Mr. Taylor has entered into or completed 28 days of inpatient treatment for chemical dependency or that he had been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. (Ex. 3)

PROPOSED FINDINGS

1. R.C. 4730.25(B)(5) provides in pertinent part:

(B) The board, by an affirmative vote of not fewer than six members, shall, to the extent permitted by law, limit, revoke, or suspend an individual’s certificate to practice as a physician assistant or certificate to prescribe, refuse to issue a certificate to an applicant, refuse to reinstate a certificate, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate for any of the following reasons:

* * *

(5) Impairment 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;

2. Rule 4731-16-02(B)(3) of the Ohio Administrative Code provides that, if an examination discloses impairment, or if the Board has other reliable, substantial and probative evidence demonstrating impairment, the Board shall initiate proceedings to suspend the licensee, and **may issue an order of summary suspension** as provided in R.C. 4730.25(G).
3. R.C. 4730.25(F)(2) provides that, if the Board determines that an individual’s ability to practice is impaired, the Board “shall suspend” the individual’s certificate and shall require the individual, as a condition for certification, to submit to treatment and, before being eligible to apply for reinstatement, to demonstrate to the Board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care, including completing required treatment, providing evidence of compliance with an aftercare contract or written consent agreement, and providing written reports indicating that the individual’s ability to practice has been assessed by individuals or providers approved by the Board and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

4. Rule 4731-16-02(B)(4) of the Ohio Administrative Code provides:

(4) Before being eligible to apply for reinstatement of a license suspended under this paragraph, the impaired practitioner must demonstrate to the board that the practitioner can resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care under the provisions of the practitioner's certificate. Such demonstrations shall include but shall not be limited to the following:

(a) Certification from a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code that the practitioner has successfully completed any required inpatient treatment. For purposes of this certification, inpatient treatment shall include inpatient or residential treatment. **The required inpatient treatment must extend a minimum of twenty-eight days** with the following exception: If the practitioner has previously completed an inpatient or residential treatment program of at least twenty-eight days and was able to maintain sobriety for a least one year following completion of that inpatient or residential treatment, the treatment required shall be determined by the treatment provider;

(b) Evidence of continuing full compliance with an aftercare contract that meets the requirements of rule 4731-16-10 of the Administrative Code, and with any consent agreement or order of the board then in effect;

(c) Two written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care. The reports shall be made by individuals or providers approved by the board for making such assessments and shall describe the basis for this determination. A physician who is the medical director of a treatment provider approved under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code and this chapter of the Administrative Code may perform such an assessment without prior board approval.

(5) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (D) of this rule, the board may reinstate a license suspended under this paragraph after the demonstration described in paragraph (B)(4) of this rule and after the individual has entered into a written consent agreement which conforms to the requirements set forth in rule 4731-16-06 of the Administrative Code, or after the board has issued a final order in lieu of a consent agreement.

(6) When the impaired practitioner resumes practice after license reinstatement, the board shall require continued monitoring of the practitioner. This monitoring shall include but not be limited to compliance

with the written consent agreement entered into before reinstatement or compliance with conditions imposed by board order after a hearing, and, upon termination of the consent agreement, submission by the practitioner to the board, for at least two years, of annual written progress reports made under penalty of perjury stating whether the license holder has maintained sobriety.

(C) In cases where the board has initiated a disciplinary action for violations of any provisions of Chapter 4731., Chapter 4730., Chapter 4760. or Chapter 4762. of the Revised Code or any of its rules in addition to division (B)(5) of section 4730.25 of the Revised Code, division (B)(26) of section 4731.22 of the Revised Code, division (B)(6) of section 4760.13 of the Revised Code or division (B)(6) of section 4762.13 of the Revised Code, the general pattern of action described in paragraph (B) of this rule will be followed with the following exceptions:

* * *

(3) If the board imposes an indefinite period of ineligibility, licensure or license reinstatement shall depend upon successful completion of the requirements in paragraphs (B)(4) and (B)(5) of this rule and determination by the board that the period of suspension or ineligibility served is commensurate with the violations found.

5. Harry P. Nguyen, M.D., the Medical Director of The Woods at Parkside, a Board-approved treatment provider, informed the Board in written communications dated June 3, 2008, and June 24, 2008, that, pursuant to an evaluation of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., beginning May 18, 2008, Dr. Nguyen had determined that Mr. Taylor is impaired in his ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.
6. Dr. Nguyen advised Mr. Taylor to continue with inpatient treatment for 28 days. However, Mr. Taylor did not comply, and he was discharged on May 27, 2008.
7. Mr. Taylor has not re-entered residential treatment or completed the recommended treatment, nor has he entered into an aftercare contract with a Board-approved treatment provider. In addition, the Board has not received information that Mr. Taylor had been determined to be capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.
8. The findings and evidence as set forth above in Proposed Findings 5 through 8, individually and/or collectively, establish the “impairment of [Mr. Taylor’s] 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 language is used in R.C. 4730.25(B)(5).

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Mr. Taylor acted prudently in seeking medical care to assist him with detoxification and withdrawal symptoms related to his chemical dependency. However, he ceased inpatient treatment before he had completed 28 days. Further, Mr. Taylor expressed to Dr. Nguyen that he does not plan to continue his practice as a physician assistant.

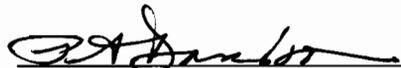
The Board must revoke the certificate. However, the Hearing Examiner recommends that the Board order a non-permanent revocation, which would allow Mr. Taylor to reapply in the future if he desires to return to his career in medicine. Due to the determination of impairment, any new certificate would be subject to all Ohio laws governing impaired practitioners.

PROPOSED ORDER

It is hereby ORDERED that:

The certificate of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Ohio is hereby REVOKED.

This Order shall become effective immediately upon the mailing of the notification of approval by the Board.



Hearing Examiner

State Medical Board of Ohio

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July 9, 2008

Case number: 08-CRF- *095*

Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A.
7238 Boatwright Lane
New Albany, Ohio 43054

Dear Mr. Taylor:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Entry of Order, the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on July 9, 2008, including a Motion adopting the Order of Summary Suspension and issuing the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

You are advised that continued practice after receipt of this Order shall be considered practicing without a certificate, in violation of Section 4730.02, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing on the matters set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and 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 days of the time of mailing of this notice. Further information concerning such hearing is contained within the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO


Lance A. Talmage, M.D., Secretary

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Enclosures

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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 July 9, 2008, to Adopt the Order of Summary Suspension and to Issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, constitute true and complete copies of the Motion and Order in the Matter of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., Case number: 08-CRF- 095 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.


Lance A. Talmage, M.D., Secretary

(SEAL)

July 9, 2008
Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF :
 :
THOMAS EDWARD TAYLOR, P.A. :

Case number: 08-CRF- **095**

ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 9th day of July, 2008.

Pursuant to Section 4730.25(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Lance A. Talmage, M.D., Secretary, and Raymond J. Albert, Supervising Member; and

Pursuant to their determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that there is clear and convincing evidence that Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., has violated Section 4730.25(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code, as alleged in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing that is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein; and,

Pursuant to their further determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that Mr. Taylor's 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 9th day of July, 2008:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A., shall immediately cease practice as a physician assistant in Ohio.

This Order shall become effective immediately.

(SEAL)


Lance A. Talmage, M.D., Secretary

July 9, 2008
Date



State Medical Board of Ohio
30 E. Broad Street, 3rd Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6127

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EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF JULY 9, 2008

THOMAS EDWARD TAYLOR, P.A. – 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.

MR. HAIRSTON MOVED TO ENTER AN ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS EDWARD TAYLOR, P.A., IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 4731.22(G), OHIO REVISED CODE, AND TO ISSUE THE NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING. DR. AMATO SECONDED THE MOTION. A vote was taken:

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Albert	- abstain
Dr. Egner	- aye
Dr. Talmage	- abstain
Dr. Suppan	- aye
Mr. Browning	- aye
Mr. Hairston	- aye
Dr. Amato	- aye
Dr. Mahajan	- abstain
Dr. Steinbergh	- aye
Dr. Varyani	- aye

The motion carried.



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NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

July 9, 2008

Case number: 08-CRF-095

Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A.
7238 Boatwright Lane
New Albany, Ohio 43054

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Secretary and the Supervising Member of the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] have determined that there is clear and convincing evidence that you have violated Section 4730.25(B)(5) Ohio Revised Code, and have further determined that your continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (2), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4730.25(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Lance A. Talmage, M.D., Secretary, and Raymond J. Albert, Supervising Member, you are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your certificate to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice as a physician assistant in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Board intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke, suspend, refuse to issue or reinstate your certificate to practice as a physician assistant, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) By correspondences dated June 3, 2008, and June 24, 2008, the Board was notified by Harry P. Nguyen, M.D., Medical Director of the Woods at Parkside, a Board approved treatment provider, that following an evaluation beginning May 18, 2008, you were determined to be impaired in your ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care and to require a minimum of 28 days

residential treatment. Upon being advised of this determination, you continued with inpatient treatment only until May 27, 2008, when you were discharged after you decided not to complete the recommended treatment.

- (2) You have not re-entered residential treatment or you have not completed the recommended/required treatment and entered into an aftercare contract with a Board-approved treatment provider. In addition, the Board has not received information that you have been determined to be capable of practicing in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Section 4730.25(F)(2), Ohio Revised Code, provides that if the Board determines that an individual's ability to practice is impaired, the Board shall suspend the individual's certificate and shall require the individual, as a condition for continued, reinstated, or renewed certification to practice or prescribe, to submit to treatment and, before being eligible to apply for reinstatement, to demonstrate to the Board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care, including completing required treatment, providing evidence of compliance with an aftercare contract or written consent agreement, and providing written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed by individuals or providers approved by the Board and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Further, Rule 4731-16-02(B)(3), Ohio Administrative Code, provides that if an examination discloses impairment, or if the Board has other reliable, substantial and probative evidence demonstrating impairment, the Board shall initiate proceedings to suspend the licensee, and may issue an order of summary suspension as provided in Section 4730.25(G), Ohio Revised Code.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) through (2) 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 4730.25(B)(5), Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4730., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. 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 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.

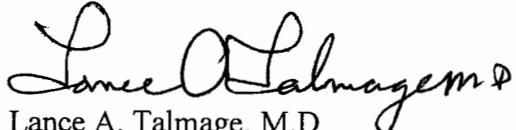
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& Opportunity for Hearing
Thomas Edward Taylor, P.A.
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In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board 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 as a physician assistant or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4730.25(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that “[w]hen the board refuses to grant to an applicant a certificate to practice as a physician assistant or a certificate to prescribe, revokes an individual's certificate, refuses to issue a certificate, or refuses to reinstate an individual's certificate, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold the certificate 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,


Lance A. Talmage, M.D.
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