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August 18, 1992

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Dear Dr. Briggs,

On August 12, 1992, the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine conducted an Adjudicatory Hearing against you in regards to your having violated the Maine Medical Practice Act and the Maine Board of Registration in Medicine rules and regulations. In particular, the Board alleged that you failed to respond to a consumer complaint filed by a [REDACTED] and that you failed to appear for an Informal Conference with the Board after having been notified to appear for such a conference.

After hearing the evidence, the Board found you guilty of the charges and ordered that you receive a Letter of Warning and pay a fine of \$100. This letter will constitute your Letter of Warning.

You should immediately forward to the Board a certified or bank check made payable to the Treasurer, State of Maine for the sum of \$100. This will constitute the payment of your fine.

Under Maine law, the Board of Registration in Medicine is required to investigate all complaints regarding noncompliance with or violations of the Maine Medical Practice Act or any rules and regulations adopted by the Board. This applies to all complaints, no matter how trivial or foolish they might be. Sometime prior to the Board's receiving the [REDACTED] complaint, you had received from the Board a rather bazaar complaint from another patient. When you were notified of that complaint by the Board, you responded appropriately to the complaint and the Board ultimately dismissed the complaint for lack of merit. You therefore knew what the Board's procedures were and you should have responded to the [REDACTED] complaint, no matter how you personally felt about it.

Your failure to respond to either the Board's written request or telephone calls, left the Board no option but to order you to appear for an Informal Conference. The Board was not pleased on the day of the conference, after having known about it for approximately thirty days, your calling to say you had just gotten out of court and would not be able to make the conference. This left the Board little option, other than to hold an Adjudicatory Hearing, to see if the threat of discipline against your license could get your attention.

Board members spend a lot of time reviewing information in preparation for the decisions they make in regards to physician licensure and discipline. They do not appreciate not being taken seriously by their colleagues. By not responding to the Board, you sent the message that you do not have much respect for your licensing Board. I hope that as a result of the Adjudicatory Hearing, you see your obligations as a physician licensee to your licensing Board in a different light.

As a reminder, you still have a couple of items pending before the Board. On the day of the hearing, you were given another copy of the [REDACTED] complaint and directed to respond to it. I trust your response will be immediately forthcoming, so the complaint can be placed on the Board's agenda in September for their review. Secondly, the Board is awaiting submittal of a copy of your CME reporting log. Your application to renew your medical license is now hung up, pending receipt of your CME log. Since the deadline for submitting renewals is well past, failure to immediately submit your CME log will result in suspension of your Maine medical license.

I am sure that if I were to report to the Board in September that these two issues were still outstanding, Board members would not be impressed.

If you have any question in regards to the complaint or CME log, please do not hesitate to contact me. I'm sure you would agree with me that it is best to resolve these matters, rather than to ignore them.

Very truly yours,



William C. McPeck
Assistant Executive Director

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