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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

BOARD: CLINICAL SOCIAL WORK

CASE NUMBER: 93-07474

COMPLAINT MADE BY: Board of Clinical Social Work,
Marriage and Family Therapy, and
Mental Health Counseling

DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED: 05/23/94

COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
4913 Riverside Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33067

INVESTIGATED BY: Amy M. Abreu, Investigation Specialist II
BIS – Ft. Lauderdale

REVIEWED BY: Walter Flinn, Attorney

RECOMMENDATION: Dismiss (PL-82)

CLOSING ORDER

THE COMPLAINT: Alleged violation of F.S. 491.009(2)(I) and F.S. 491.009(2)(s)– Willfully making or filing a false report or record...; Failing to meet the minimum standards of performance...

THE FACTS: On 12/15/94 the Panel found probable cause in this matter, and an administrative complaint was filed. Subsequently, Respondent's license went null and void. Therefore, the Agency for Health Care Administration no longer has jurisdiction over the matter and can no longer proceed with prosecution.

Complainant (the Board) alleged that Subject (Williams) billed Medicare directly for services that Subject was not qualified to render. Complainant also alleged that Subject failed to maintain proper records regarding treatment of patient, A.F.

In response, Subject stated that there was no violation, and that he had "simply billed the wrong patient."

The investigation revealed that Subject offered to provide mental health services to the residents of a nursing home facility. Subject began treating A.F., a patient in the nursing home. When A.F. passed away, A.F.'s daughter received an explanation of benefits from Medicare which showed payments made to Subject for services rendered to A.F. after A.F.'s death. Medicare investigators who reviewed A.F.'s records discovered that Subject did not have any clinical notes for A.F.

THE LAW: Based on the foregoing, there was sufficient evidence to find probable cause in this case. However, because Subject is no longer licensed, the Agency no longer has jurisdiction over the matter. Therefore, the case will be closed.

It is, therefore, ORDERED, that the compliant be, and the same is hereby CLOSED.

DONE and ORDERED this 19 day of September, 1998.



CHAIRPERSON

Probable Cause Panel
Board of Clinical Social Work,
Marriage and Family Therapy,
and Mental Health Counseling

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