



**NORTH CAROLINA
MEDICAL BOARD**

October 19, 2012

Sandra Jean Simmons, M.D.
Wake County Human Services
567 E. Hargett St
Raleigh, NC 27601

Dear Dr. Simmons:

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has reviewed information regarding your failure to complete continuing medical education ("CME") requirements in the time and manner required by Board regulations. Although the Board decided not to commence formal proceedings against your license, it did vote to issue you this public letter of concern and a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

The Board is concerned that you failed to complete the CME requirements for the three-year cycle from 2007 through 2010. Thereafter, on December 14, 2010, the Board mailed you a letter informing you of your CME deficiency and giving you ninety (90) days to respond. You were subsequently given three extensions to complete your CME, extending the time until January 6, 2012. On January 9, 2012, you telephoned the Board's Operation Coordinator and informed her that while you were making progress, you had failed to complete your CME requirements.

The Board does acknowledge that there were mitigating factors in your life at the time your CME was due for completion and that when these were resolved you completed a sufficient number of hours of CME to satisfy the requirement for the 2007 through 2010 cycle. Unfortunately, those CME hours were not completed within the time frame allotted by the Board's regulations or the subsequent extensions granted to you. As a result, the Board issues you this public letter of concern and imposes a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00). The fine must be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter.

The Board urges you to make sure that the conduct giving rise to the Board's concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may vote to commence formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be entered into evidence in determining the appropriate discipline.

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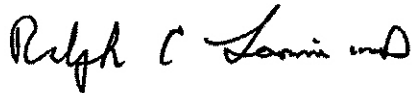
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The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your approval to practice. However, the Board does consider its inquiry into this matter to be an investigation. Under certain circumstances, other credentialing, regulatory or licensing boards may require that you report this investigation. If so, a photocopy of this letter may be used for that purpose.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards; however, it will not be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank or the Healthcare Integrity and Practitioner Data Bank.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph C. Loomis, M.D." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ralph C. Loomis, M.D.

Board President

RCL/DTB/bjs

Consent and Waiver

I, Sandra Jean Simmons, M.D., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the matter referenced above.

Consented to this the 17 day of October, 2012.



Sandra Jean Simmons, M.D.

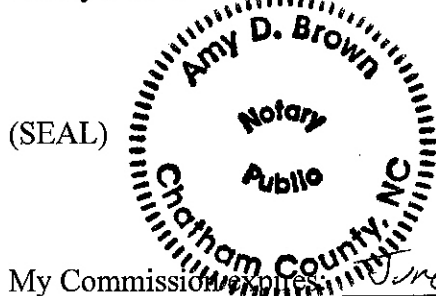
State of North Carolina

County of Orange

I, Amy D Brown, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Sandra Jean Simmons, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal
this the 17 day of October, 2012.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires June 22 2015