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Via Attorney of Record

Leonard L. Cruz, M.D.
116 Berry Hill Drive
Hendersonville, NC 28791

Dear Dr. Cruz:

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its investigation regarding a complaint of a former patient. Although the Board decided not to commence formal proceedings against your license, it did vote to issue you this public letter of concern.

The Board is concerned that you had inappropriate physical contact with a patient during a therapy session in December 2013. Although you have indicated that you thought such actions would provide the patient relief from her anxiety and distress, the Board believes this conduct was unprofessional and perhaps illegal according to Article 1F of Chapter 90 of the General Statutes.

The Board urges you to take steps to prevent a recurrence of the conduct described above. 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Walker-McGill, M.D.
Board President

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