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RE: License No.: 0101-027959

Dear Dr. Chaudhary:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on Thursday, March 26, 1998, at 9:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia. The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2919 and 9-6.14:11 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

An Informal Conference Committee ("Committee"), composed of three members of the Board, will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated Section 54.1-2915(A)(3), as further defined in Section 54.1-2914(A)(9) and (10) of the Code, in that:

1. From on or about April 6, 1988 to February 18, 1990, you provided treatment to Patient A, a resident of Forest Hill Manor ("Forest Hill"), Richmond, Virginia, for schizophrenia. During this period, you prescribed Haldol (Schedule IV) and Cogentin (Schedule VI), failing to adequately monitor the patient for possible adverse reactions as a result of extended use of these medications. On or about February 18, 1990, Patient A collapsed at the Forest Hill and expired of cardiac arrest subsequent to being transferred to the hospital.
2. From on or about June 14, 1990 to July 15, 1991, during the course of your treatment of Patient B, a resident of Bellamy Home for Adults ("Bellamy"), Richmond, Virginia, for schizophrenia, you failed to adequately monitor the patient, who had a fifteen (15) year medication history of Haldol and Cogentin use. On July 15, 1991, Patient B was transferred from Bellamy to the Metropolitan Hospital ("Metropolitan"), Richmond, Virginia, Emergency Room with a complaint of cramping in his left hand. Subsequently, the patient was discharged the same day with a diagnosis of mild dystonic reaction. Upon notification by Metropolitan Emergency Room staff of Patient B's discharge to Bellamy with dosage changes in medications, to include a decrease in Haldol from 40mg per day to 30mg per day and an increase in Cogentin from 2mg per day to 2mg

three (3) times per day, you failed to follow-up with the patient for evaluation and monitoring of medications pursuant to the discharging physician's order. As a result, on July 23, 1991, Patient B died of hyperthermia.

3. On or about February 2, 1995, at approximately 5:00 p.m., upon referral by Mary Washington Hospital ("Mary Washington"), Fredericksburg, Virginia, Resident C was placed at Kenmore Forest Home for Adults ("Kenmore"), an adult home in which you have an interest. By your own admission, Resident C had not been officially admitted to Kenmore. Further, you had not seen the resident nor had you been designated as the Resident C's treating physician. At approximately 6:00 p.m., Resident C complained of chest pains to Kenmore staff and was subsequently transferred to the Emergency Room at Chippenham Hospital, Richmond, Virginia. The patient was treated and discharged to be returned to Kenmore. Upon learning of his discharge to Kenmore, Resident C became upset and agitated and was temporarily placed by the Emergency Room treating physician, in Monument Manor, Richmond, Virginia, an adult home in which he had an interest. On or about February 3, 1995, after being informed that Resident C was not returned to Kenmore, you had a Temporary Detention Order issued to Monument Manor reporting that the resident "wanders; [and is] confused," which was unsubstantiated by consultation notes provided to you by Mary Washington.

4. From approximately 1989 to 1990:

A. While acting as the attending physician for the residents of Brook Haven Rest Home, Richmond, Virginia, you provided inadequate and substandard psychiatric services to include medication monitoring and independent counseling for approximately 30 to 35 residents in that you routinely completed these treatments within an half hour for all residents in the facility.

B. While acting as the attending physician for the residents of Shellette's Home for Adults, Richmond, Virginia, you provided substandard care in that you routinely failed to appear for scheduled appointments. When you did provide treatment, you counseled residents using a standard list of questions which did not vary with the functioning level of each resident.

In order to protect the privacy of Patients A, B and C, the patients have been referred to by letter only. Please see Attachment I of this notice for the identity of the individuals referenced above. The following actions may be taken by this Committee:

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1. If a majority of the Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your license may be justified, the Committee shall present to the Board in writing its findings, and the Board may proceed with a formal hearing;

2. The Committee may notify you in writing that you are fully exonerated of any charge that might affect your right to practice medicine in Virginia;

3. The Committee may reprimand or censure you, or;

4. The Committee may place you on probation for such time as it may designate and direct that during such period you furnish the Committee or its chairman, at such intervals as the Committee may direct, evidence that you are not practicing in violation of the provisions of Chapter 29, Title 54.1 of the Code, which governs the practice of medicine in Virginia.


You have the right to information which will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents which will be distributed to the members of the Committee, and will be considered by the Committee when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. If you have additional documents for review which are not contained in this package, please bring at least six copies with you to the meeting. I also enclose relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia.

A request to continue this proceeding must be made in writing and directed to me at the address listed on this letter. Such request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 9, 1998. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after March 9, 1998, will not be considered.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as a motion for a continuance due to the unavailability of counsel will not be considered unless received by March 9, 1998. Further, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

Should you fail to appear at the informal conference the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions. Should you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Karen W. Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline, at (804) 662-7693.

Sincerely,


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Enclosures:

Virginia Code Sections:

54.1-2914

54.1-2919

54.1-2915

9-6.14:11

Informal Conference Package

Map

Attachment I



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March 27, 1998

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Dear Dr. Chaudhary:

This letter is official notification of the decision of the Informal Conference Committee ("Committee") of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board"), which met with you on March 26, 1998, in Henrico, County, Virginia, to inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws governing the practice of medicine in Virginia, as set forth in the Board's Notice of Informal Conference dated February 23, 1998. After considering the documentation and testimony presented, the Committee found that there was no evidence to support a violation of the laws of Virginia and therefore unanimously voted to fully exonerate you on the allegations and close the matter.

Should you have any questions regarding the Committee's decision, you may refer them to Karen Perrine, Deputy Executive Director, Discipline, at (804) 662-7693.

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