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March 7, 2007

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RE: License No.: 0101-054722

Dear Dr. Dillon:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., at the Holiday Inn Select, 2801 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, Virginia.** The conference will be conducted pursuant to Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code").

A Special Conference Committee ("Committee") will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Virginia. Specifically:

1. You may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(13), 54.1-2915.A(16) of the Code and, for conduct in practice from October 19, 2005, you may have further violated Section 54.1-2915.A(12) and 54.1-2915.A(18) of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-29(3) of the Virginia Board of Medicine Regulations in your conduct with respect to Patient A, a physician to whom you provided psychiatric treatment in 2004. Specifically,

a. During September and October 2005, on three occasions, you telephoned Patient A to insist that Patient A write a letter of complaint regarding a psychologist who had treated him.

b. On or about September 30, 2005, you wrote a letter to Patient A, again to insist he write a letter of complaint regarding a psychologist who had treated him. In that letter you referenced that you had been fired because of circumstances related to

that psychologist. Further, you included with that letter a copy of the psychologist's treatment note of Patient A.

c. On or about November 2, 2005, you wrote a letter to Patient A in which you called Patient A a pathological liar and a malingerer who feigns psychiatric symptoms, as well as making other derogatory and inflammatory statements about Patient A's conduct and character. Further, you threatened Patient A that you would repeat such statements to the media, to Patient A's landlord and neighboring offices, and to Patient A's patients.

2. You may have violated Section 54.1-2915.A(16) of the Code, in that, you copied portions of Patient A's medical records and kept those records in your possession after you were terminated from employment at the treatment facility in August 2005.

Please see Attachment I for the name of the patient referenced above.

After consideration of all information, the Committee may:

1. Exonerate you;
2. Place you on probation with such terms it deems appropriate.
3. Reprimand you;
4. Modify a previous Order; and
5. Impose a monetary penalty pursuant to Section 54.1-2401 of the Code.

Further, the Committee may refer this matter for a formal administrative proceeding when it has failed to dispose of a case by consent pursuant to Section 2.2-4019 of the Code.

You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I enclose a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the Committee for its consideration 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. Further, if you retain counsel, it is your responsibility to provide the enclosed materials to your attorney.

To facilitate this proceeding, you must submit eight (8) copies of any documents you wish for the Committee to consider to Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Virginia Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1717, by **March 20, 2007**. Your documents may not be submitted by facsimile or e-mail. Should you or Adjudication Specialist Virginia Scher wish to submit any documents for the Committee's consideration after **March 20, 2007**, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the Committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, because absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on April 10, 2007. A request to continue this proceeding must state **in detail** the reason for the request and must establish good cause. Such request must be made, in writing, to me at the address listed on this letter and must be received by **March 16, 2007**. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **March 16, 2007**, will not be considered

Relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws relating to the practice of medicine and other healing arts in Virginia cited in this notice can be found on the Internet at <http://leg1.state.va.us>. To access this information, please click on the *Code of Virginia* for statutes and *Virginia Administrative Code* for regulations.

In its deliberations, the Committee may utilize the Sanction Reference Points System, as contained in the Sanction Reference Manual. The manual, which is a guidance document of the Board, may be accessed at <http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/medicine>. You may request a paper copy from the Board office by calling (804) 662-7009.

Please advise the Board, in writing, of your intention to be present. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Board may proceed to a formal administrative hearing in order to impose sanctions.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist, at (804) 662-7593.

Sincerely,



William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

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Enclosures:

Attachment I
Informal Conference Package
Map

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cc: Malcolm L. Cothran, Jr., M.D., President, Virginia Board of Medicine
 Sandra Whitley Ryals, Director, Department of Health Professions
 Reneé S. Dixon, Discipline Case Manager, Board of Medicine
 Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist, APD
 Lorraine McGehee, Deputy Director, APD
 Pamela Kincheloe, Senior Investigator [105302]

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE

**IN RE: SAVTANTER SINGH DILLON, M.D.
License No.: 0101-054722**

ORDER

In accordance with Sections 54.1-2400(10), 2.2-4019 and 2.2-4021 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was held with Savtanter Singh Dillon, M.D., on April 10, 2007, in Fredericksburg, Virginia. Members of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") serving on the Special Conference Committee ("Committee") were: John H. Armstrong, M.D., Chairman; Sandra Anderson Bell, M.D.; and Gopinath Jadhav, M.D. Dr. Dillon appeared personally and was not represented by legal counsel. Virginia Scher, Adjudication Specialist, was present as a representative for the Administrative Proceedings Division of the Department of Health Professions. The purpose of the informal conference was to inquire into allegations that Dr. Dillon may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as set forth in a Notice of Informal Conference dated March 7, 2007.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Now, having properly considered the evidence and statements presented, the Committee makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

1. Savtanter Singh Dillon, M.D., was issued license number 0101-054722 to practice medicine in Virginia on August 30, 1996. Said license will expire on August 31, 2008, unless renewed or otherwise acted upon.

2. Dr. Dillon violated Section 54.1-2915.A(13), 54.1-2915.A(16) of the Code and, for conduct in practice from October 19, 2005, further violated Section 54.1-2915.A(12) and 54.1-2915.A(18) of the Code and 18 VAC 85-20-29(3) of the Virginia Board of Medicine Regulations in his conduct with respect to Patient A, a physician to whom he provided psychiatric treatment in 2004. Specifically:

a. On September 15, September 16, and October 12, 2005, Dr. Dillon telephoned Patient A to request that Patient A write a letter of complaint regarding a psychologist who had treated Patient A.

b. On or about September 30, 2005, Dr. Dillon wrote a letter to Patient A, again to request he write a letter of complaint regarding a psychologist who had treated Patient A. In that letter Dr. Dillon referenced that he, Dr. Dillon, had been terminated by Systems Assessment and Research, Inc., because of circumstances related to that psychologist. Further, Dr. Dillon included with that letter a copy of the psychologist's treatment note of Patient A. Dr. Dillon's letter did not address the care of other patients.

c. On or about November 2, 2005, Dr. Dillon wrote a letter to Patient A in which Dr. Dillon called Patient A a pathological liar and a malingerer who feigns psychiatric symptoms, as well as making other derogatory and inflammatory statements about Patient A's conduct and character. Further, Dr. Dillon threatened Patient A that he, Dr. Dillon, would repeat such statements to the media, to Patient A's landlord and neighboring offices, and he would hand out documentation about Patient A to his patients.

3. Dr. Dillon expressed regret about the November 2 letter, and stated to the Committee that he had no intention of acting on the threats cited in the letter.

4. Dr. Dillon violated Section 54.1-2915.A(16) of the Code, in that, he copied portions of Patient A's medical records and kept those records in his possession after he was terminated from employment at the treatment facility in August 2005. Dr. Dillon stated that he was unaware that it was improper to copy and maintain records that belonged to the treatment facility.

5. Dr. Dillon stated he has had no further contact with Patient A since November 2005.

ORDER


WHEREFORE, based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby ORDERED that Savtanter Singh Dillon, M.D., be, and hereby is, issued a REPRIMAND.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Dr. Dillon may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on May 16, 2007, notify William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Board of Medicine, 6603 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23230, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

Therefore, this Order shall become final on May 16, 2007; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

FOR THE BOARD


for William L. Harp, M.D.
Executive Director
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 4/12/2007