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RE: License No.: 0101-242248

Dear Dr. Gurrala:

This letter is official notification that an informal conference of the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") will be held on **Thursday, May 5, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Henrico, 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 and surgery in Virginia. Specifically:

1. You may have violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(1), (3), (12), (13), (16) and (18) of the Code, and 18VAC85-20-26.D of the Board's General Regulations, in that, from approximately March to June 2007, while in a residency training program, you provided psychotherapy and medication management to Patient A outside of the residency program's supervision, and took payments directly from the patient outside of the established clinical billing procedures. Further, you failed to maintain a record of numerous encounters with the patient and, in July 2007, when asked to produce the patient's record, you created and backdated records and presented them to your supervisor as contemporaneous documentation.

2. You may have violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(1), (16) and (18) and 54.1-111.A(6) and (8) of the Code in that, on or about September 30, 2007, you submitted an application for licensure to the District of Columbia Board of Medicine on which you misrepresented the circumstances under which you resigned from your residency training program in July 2007.

3. You may have violated Sections 54.1-2915.A(1), (16) and (18) of the Code, and 18VAC85-20-300.B of the Board's General Regulations, in that, on or about August 28, 2007, you provided false information to the Virginia Board for the physician profile system related to your graduate medical education, practice areas, and honors and awards.

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; and
4. 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. These materials have been provided this date to your counsel, Edward A. Gonzales, Esquire.

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, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia, 23233, by **April 11, 2011**. 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 **April 11, 2011**, such documents shall be considered only upon a ruling by the Chair of the Committee that good cause has been shown for late submission.

Absent good cause to support a request for a continuance, the informal conference will be held on May 5, 2011. 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 21, 2011**. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent exigent circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after **March 21, 2011**, 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

