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DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF AN INQUIRY INTO THE MEDICAL PRACTICE OF ANNE INGRID PETIT, M.D. LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ORDER OF REPRIMAND

This matter was presented to the State Board of Medical Examiners by Robert J. Del Tufo, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Joan D. Gelber, Deputy Attorney General, on inquiry into certain aspects of the medical practice of Anne Ingrid Petit, M.D., license number 51746, of 257 Barberry Road - Heathercroft, Pleasantville, New Jersey. Dr. Petit is currently practicing at a county health department clinic in this State.

It appears that on two occasions in September and October 1991, Dr. Petit provided medical treatment to an adult patient, Ms L.B., and issued four prescriptions for her. Ms L.B. claimed on each occasion not to have funds to pay for the recommended medication and requested that Dr. Petit issue the prescriptions in the name of the patient's mother (Mrs. S.B.) because medical care for the mother was covered by the Medicaid program. Although Dr. Petit knew or should have known that Ms L.B. was employed, and if otherwise eligible for Medicaid would have had a Medicaid

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card of her own, Dr. Petit agreed to issue L.B.'s prescription in the name of the mother.[1] Said conduct constitutes issuance of prescriptions in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and (e).

In addition to the above matters, inspection of the prescriptions discloses violation by Dr. Petit of the regulatory monitoring mechanism implemented by N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.6 to alert pharmacists to potential fraud situations when filling prescriptions. That rule, in pertinent part, requires that every prescription contain the name, address and age of the patient, and contain both a printed name of the prescriber as well as the prescriber's signature. Dr. Petit issued two prescriptions on September 17, 1991 which omitted the patient's age and address, and neither one contains Dr. Petit's printed name. Of the two prescriptions issued October 8, 1991, one omits the patient's age and the doctor's printed name; the other omits patient's age and address and contains Dr. Petit's signature written above the printed name of another physician. It also omits the rule and statutory requirement to indicate whether substitution is permissible.

Dr. Petit has stated her belief that the prescribed medication was necessary to treat the patient's infection, in the hope of preventing more serious illness. Dr. Petit relied upon the patient's claim that she was unable to pay for the medication. Dr. Petit acknowledges writing the prescription for

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[1] The patient has indicated that she specifically informed Dr. Petit of her mother's Medicaid status.

the patient in the name of the patient's mother, but states that she had no intent at the time to act negligently, fraudulently, or for any personal gain, but rather solely in the belief that she was helping a needy patient.

The Board has taken into account's Dr. Petit's contention that these are the only occasions on which she has issued prescriptions in a false name, and her representation that such conduct shall not recur. The Board has noted Dr. Petit's frank acknowledgment to Medicaid and to this Board of the events, and her voluntary payment of restitution to Medicaid for the sum involved, $64.34, and payment of a penalty of $800 to that agency. She has further represented that henceforth she will fully comply with the Board rule regarding mandatory prescription data. For sufficient cause shown,

IT IS, ON THIS 20th DAY OF August 1992

ORDERED:

1. Dr. Petit is hereby reprimanded for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) and of the cited Board rule.

2. Dr. Petit shall immediately cease and desist from said conduct.

3. Dr. Petit is assessed penalty of $ 500 for the abovesaid violations, which shall be paid within 10 days of the entry of this Order to the State Board of Medical Examiners. If installment payments are requested, arrangements shall be made through the Board administrative office and a Certificate of Debt shall be filed.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE UPON ENTRY.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Sanford M Lewis, MD

Sanford Lewis, M.D., President

I have read and understood the within document, and I agree to be bound by its terms.

Anne Ingrid Petit, M.D.

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Date Aug 17, 1992

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