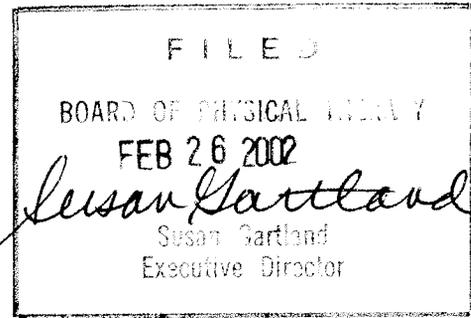


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SURRENDER :
OF THE LICENSE OF :
:
STEPHEN BACA, P.T.A. :
License No. QB001723 :
:
:
TO PRACTICE AS A PHYSICAL :
THERAPY ASSISTANT IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF
LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Physical Therapy (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information from Argosy Health located at 721 Drescher Road, Suite 2100, Horsham, PA when it requested verification of the licensure of Steven Baca as a licensed New Jersey Physical Therapist. Specifically, it has been alleged that Stephen Baca, while employed by Argosy Health from May 2000 through October 2001, provided physical therapy treatment to approximately 95 patients at different work sites located in New Jersey. The Board's records indicated that the respondent was issued a license to practice only as a physical therapist assistant. The

respondent has never been issued a license to practice as a physical therapist. Based upon the allegations received the Board requested that respondent appear at an investigative inquiry on February 19, 2002. On January 9, 2002, respondent submitted written correspondence whereby he offered to surrender his license to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant. A copy of respondent's correspondence is attached as Exhibit A.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the correspondence from the respondent at its January 17, 2002 meeting, it appears to the Board that respondent Baca has been licensed to practice only as a Physical Therapist Assistant in New Jersey. At no time during the employment period with Argosy Health had the respondent been licensed to practice as a physical therapist. The respondent practiced as a physical therapist in New Jersey without a valid license in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:9-37.19. The physical therapy license, number QA 01723 supplied to Argosy Health by the respondent was not a valid license issued by the State Board of Physical Therapy.

These facts establish a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings, and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 26th DAY OF February, 2002

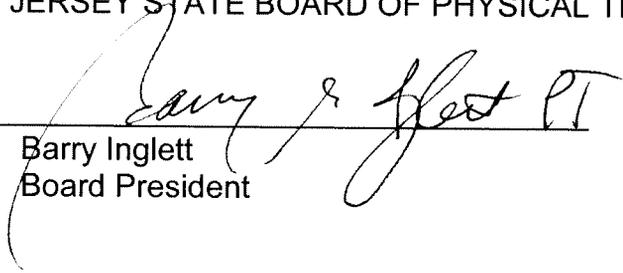
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent, Stephen Baca, is hereby granted leave and shall immediately permanently surrender his license to practice as a physical therapist assistant in the State of New Jersey with prejudice to any further reapplication.

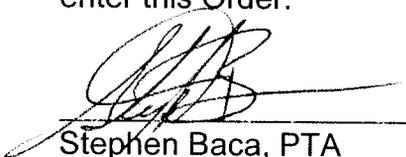
2. Respondent understands and agrees that he is to immediately cease and desist from any practice as a physical therapist assistant upon the date of this order and further is not authorized to engage in the practice of physical therapy. Respondent agrees to surrender any and remaining licenses permitting him to do so now or at any time in the future. Accordingly, Respondent, shall return his original New Jersey Physical Therapist Assistant license, current certificate of registration and wall certificate to the New Jersey Board of Physical Therapy, attention Susan Gartland, Executive Director at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07101, within one week of the date of this order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

By:


Barry Inglett
Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.


Stephen Baca, PTA
