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Re: Settlement Letter in Lieu of Formal Disciplinary Proceedings in Complaints: 93308 Patient A.M.

Dear Dr. Singla:

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry has completed its review of information concerning the above captioned complaint, including:

1. The patient's complaint;
2. A copy of your response, including patient treatment and financial records, and other office records;
3. A transcript of your appearance before the Board on June 17, 2015; and,
4. Additional information about the patient's dental condition.

Based upon its preliminary review of these matters, it appears that you may have engaged in the following actions which, if proven, would constitute violations of the Board's statutes and regulations:

1. **Record Keeping, Diagnostics and Treatment Planning** - You failed to obtain relevant medical information prior to treatment about a patient with a significant medical history. You also did not coordinate treatment with the subsequent treating dentist concerning the patient's significant medical condition.
2. **Execution of Treatment** - You performed an unnecessary bone graft.
3. **Billing** - Your office billed the patient incorrectly for a simple extraction procedure.
4. **Continuing Education** - You provided proof of completing all of your required continuing education course work via distance learning methods; the Board's regulations permit only twenty (20) hours of the required forty (40) hours to be completed via distance learning methods.

These acts may be sufficient to initiate the filing of formal disciplinary proceedings. However, the Board has determined that it will first offer you an opportunity to settle this matter, and avoid the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings, should you agree to the following:

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1. Pay a penalty of \$500 for violations of the Board's record keeping regulations.
2. Pay a penalty of \$500 for failure to complete the required continuing education course work, and provide proof of completing twenty (20) credits of continuing education in a live setting within six months of the signing of this letter.
3. Provide the patient with restitution in the amount of \$575.00 for the bone graft.

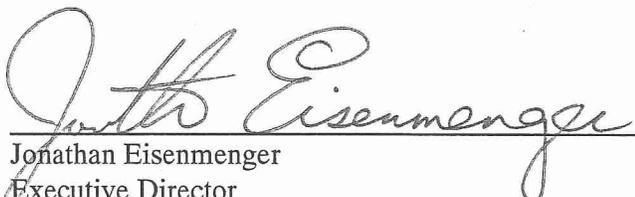
If you are willing to settle this matter on the offered settlement terms, you may do so by signing the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter, and returning it to the Board office. The penalty may be paid by a check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey - Board of Dentistry" and should be submitted to the Board office. The continuing education course work must be completed within six (6) months of signing this agreement, and may not be counted towards the continuing education you are required to complete during the current licensing period. You should be advised that upon receipt of your signed acknowledgment, this letter will be a matter of public record.

In the event you are unwilling to settle this matter on the offered terms, it will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of an appropriate enforcement action. In such event, you will be afforded an opportunity to defend against the alleged violations. If an evidentiary hearing is deemed warranted, the Board will either conduct that hearing at a date and time to be scheduled or refer the matter to the Office of Administrative Law. You are advised, however, that in the event formal charges are filed, the Board may assess civil penalties in an amount greater than those offered in settlement here, in addition to other sanctions, should any charges against you be sustained. Additionally, the Board may, if the facts are found to so warrant, enter an order requiring you to reimburse certain monies and/or requiring you to pay the additional costs incurred by the Board. Should you have any questions concerning this letter or the settlement offer, I suggest that you contact Deputy Attorney General Nancy Costello Miller, who may be reached at (973) 648-2500.

If you elect to settle this matter, you should sign the acknowledgment at the bottom of this letter and return it to the Board within fifteen (15) days following your receipt of this letter. In the event that the Board receives no response from you within fifteen (15) days, the Board's settlement offer will be withdrawn, and the matter will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for the initiation of appropriate enforcement proceedings.

Sincerely,

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

  
Jonathan Eisenmenger  
Executive Director

cc: Nancy Costello Miller, Deputy Attorney General

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** I, Dr. Sandeep Singla, have read and reviewed the settlement proposal set forth in this settlement letter. I acknowledge the Board's preliminary determination. I am aware that by signing this acknowledgment, I am waiving any rights I may have to defend myself against any charges of wrongdoing at an administrative hearing. I am also aware that the action taken against me by the Board is a matter of public record, and that this letter is a public document. I agree to comply with the directives noted. I will:

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2. Pay a penalty of \$500 for failure to complete the required continuing education course work, and provide proof of completing twenty (20) credits of continuing education in a live setting within six months of the signing of this letter.
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5/2/16  
Date

  
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Dr. Sandeep Singla

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Date

  
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Debra Marcus, Esq.  
Attorney for Dr. Singla