

# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



830 Union Street, Suite 100  
Telephone: (504) 524-6763  
New Orleans, LA 70112-1499

-----	X	
	:	No. 88-A-014
<b>In The Matter Of</b>	:	
	:	
<b>RONALD JON KLEBER, M.D.</b>	:	
(Certificate No. 009927),	:	
	:	<b>CONSENT</b>
<i>Respondent.</i>	:	<b>ORDER</b>
	:	_____
-----	X	

Information was provided to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") indicating that Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D. ("Dr. Kleber") entered a plea of guilty to three counts of a Federal grand jury indictment initiated in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, charging him with knowingly making false and fraudulent statements and representations for the purpose of securing payment for medical services from a Medicare Part B carrier, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1395nn(a)(2) and 18 U.S.C. § 1341.<sup>1</sup>

Inasmuch as the crimes to which Dr. Kleber pled guilty and for which he was, by virtue of such plea, subsequently convicted and sentenced, constitutes felonies under the law of the United States, additional information was provided to the Board indicating that the physician was charged by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Georgia ("Georgia Board"), with the violation of Georgia law, impacting upon his medical licensure in that state. Subsequent thereto, and pursuant to a Consent Order, approved and rendered on May 12, 1988 by the Georgia Board, Dr. Kleber's license to practice in the state of Georgia was revoked; nevertheless, such revocation was stayed and Dr. Kleber's license suspended for a period of not less than six months. Additionally, Dr.

---

<sup>1</sup>United States v. Ronald J. Kleber, M.D., No. CR 86-296A (U.S.D. Ct., N.D. Ga.).

Kleber's license was placed on probation subject to specified terms, conditions and restrictions<sup>2</sup>

In consenting to the issuance of the Georgia Board's Consent Order, as hereinabove alleged, Dr. Kleber acknowledged and admitted the truthfulness of allegations of fact asserted in a Notice of Hearing issued by the Georgia Board on February 16, 1988, and in an Amended Notice of Hearing issued April 7, 1988.<sup>3</sup> Accordingly, Dr. Kleber has entered a plea of guilty to and has been convicted of criminal charges constituting felonies under the laws of the United States, such plea of guilty to and conviction arising out of and in connection with the practice of medicine. Dr. Kleber has also confessed to making and submitting false and deceptive claims to an insurance company and governmental authority for the purpose of obtaining monetary compensation and has had, by virtue of administrative actions taken by the Georgia Board his license to practice medicine in the state of Georgia revoked, suspended and placed on probation, subject to restrictions by the licensing authority of the state of Georgia. Accordingly, lawful cause exists for suspension or revocation of Dr. Kleber's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.<sup>4</sup>

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, without admitting the accuracy of the information described hereinabove, or any violation of the Medical Practice Act, Dr. Kleber acknowledges that the information developed by the Board's investigation would constitute probable cause for the institution of administrative proceeding against his medical licensure, pursuant to Administrative Complaint and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act for the suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other action as the Board might deem appropriate, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285(A)(1), (2), (11) and (29).

Recognizing his right to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him, to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955-58, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Kleber, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955D, consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Kleber also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation.

Based on the information provided, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to insure the health,

---

<sup>2</sup>In the Matter of Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., (Lic. No. 12335), Docket No. 88-52 (Composite State Bd. of Med. Exam., Ga., May 12, 1988).

<sup>3</sup>Such allegations of fact are asserted herein by reference to certified copies of such Notice of Hearing and Amended Notice of Hearing, which are annexed hereto and incorporated herein collectively, together with the aforesaid Consent Order, as Exhibit "A."

<sup>4</sup>See La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(A)(1), (2), (11) and (29).

safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. § 49:955D;

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 009927, be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED; nevertheless, said revocation is hereby stayed and Dr. Kleber's license shall be and the same as hereby SUSPENDED for a period of at least six (6) months commencing effective May 12, 1988;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, until and unless this Order is modified or rescinded by written order of the Board:

(a) *Revocation, Suspension and Probationary Terms and Conditions Imposed by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Georgia.* Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., shall comply in each and every respect with the terms of revocation, suspension, probationary terms, restrictions and limitations contained in the Consent Order rendered by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Georgia, executed by the Georgia Board on May 12, 1988;

(b) *Authorization for the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Georgia to Respond to Board's Inquiries.* Dr. Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., hereby authorizes and directs the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Georgia to report and respond to the Board's inquiries concerning compliance with the terms and conditions set forth in its May 12, 1988 Consent Order; and

(c) *Notification to the Board if Relieved of Restrictions or Relocation to the state of Louisiana.* Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., will immediately notify the Board in writing if (1) he is relieved of any of the specified terms and conditions of the said Consent Order by the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Georgia or (2) he relocates to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine in this state. Upon notice of either of the above-mentioned by Dr. Kleber, the Board may undertake to reimpose and supervise the terms and conditions of the said Consent Order on its own behalf. Should Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D., notify the Board of his intent to relocate to the state of Louisiana for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine, the physician will, in that instance, provide written notice of his intent at least sixty (60) days prior to relocation to the state of Louisiana and personally appear before the Board at its meeting preceeding his actual engaging in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order, or of the Consent Order entered into with the Composite State Board of Medical Examiners of the state of Georgia,

by Dr. Kleber, shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for reinstatement of the full term of final revocation and cancellation of Dr. Kleber's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1988.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Ike Muslow  
Ike Muslow, M.D.  
President

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
AND CONSENT

I, RONALD JON KLEBER, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 10 day of September, 1988.

Ronald Jon Kleber  
Ronald Jon Kleber, M.D.

Witness:

Maria F. Stocks