

IN THE MATTER OF
STEVEN CHASE BRIGHAM, M.D.
Respondent
Unlicensed

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Numbers: 2007-0448, 2010-0304.
* & 2011-0117

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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Board under Md. Health Occ. Ann §14-206 (e), the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby orders Steven Chase Brigham, M.D.,(the "Respondent") (D.O.B.08/29/1956), a physician unlicensed in Maryland to immediately **Cease and Desist** from practicing medicine in Maryland without a license.

Based upon the investigative information received by the Board thus far, the Board has probable cause to believe that the following facts are true:

1. The Respondent is not and has never been licensed to practice medicine in Maryland.
2. The Respondent has performed surgical procedures in Elkton, Maryland on a regular basis, performing two to three procedures on each visit during each of approximately two visits per week for at least several months prior to the date of this Order.
3. On August 13, 2010, the Respondent initiated a procedure, which then had to be completed on an urgent basis. The Respondent then followed the patient in an automobile as the patient, under his instructions, traveled to Elkton, Maryland for the completion of the procedure. In Elkton, Maryland, the patient was admitted, as planned, to a clinic owned by the Respondent for the completion of the procedure. The Respondent directed the surgical procedure that took place at his clinic on that date.
4. As recently as Friday, August 20, 2010, the Respondent arranged for and attempted to assist in surgical procedures at Elkton, Maryland.

5. The Respondent has been observed performing surgical procedures on approximately 50 occasions in Maryland at the Elkton location since January 2010.

The health of Maryland patients is being endangered by the Respondent's unlicensed practice of medicine in this State. The Board's investigation into the matter is ongoing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The practice of surgery, the assisting in or direction of the practice of surgery by another, and the initiation of a procedure which then must be completed on an urgent basis by medical treatment in this State planned and participated in by the initiator of the procedure, constitutes the practice of medicine in Maryland. The Respondent's apparent practicing of medicine without a license in Maryland to the detriment of Maryland patients justifies and requires the Board to exercise its powers under Md. Health Occ. Code Ann ("H.O.") §14-206 (e) to issue a Cease and Desist Order to the Respondent.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is this 25th day of August, 2010, by a majority of the quorum of the Board:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann ("H.O.") § 14-206 (e), the Respondent shall **IMMEDIATELY CEASE and DESIST** practicing medicine without a license at American Women's Services located at 3506 N. Calvert Street, Suite 110, Baltimore, MD 21218; 6005 Landover Road, Suite 6, Cheverly, MD 20785; 801 Toll House Avenue, H-6, Frederick, MD 21201; 4700 Berwyn House Road, College Park, MD; 126 East High Street, Elkton, MD 21921; and any other Maryland locations. This prohibition includes but is not limited to performing any surgical procedure in Maryland, initiating procedures that then must be completed on an urgent basis by

medical treatment in Maryland planned and participated in by the initiator of the procedure, and assisting in the provision of any surgical procedure in Maryland by providing direction or assistance during the procedure to any physician performing a procedure in Maryland. And it is further

ORDERED that this is a public document pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 *et seq.*

25 August 2010
Date

Paul T. Elder, M.D.
Paul T. Elder, M.D.
Board Chair

NOTICE

This Order is effective when issued. If the Respondent either challenges this Order or violates it, the matter is adjudicated according to the procedures in the Board's regulations at COMAR 10.32.02.03. See COMAR 10.32.02.09