BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In Re:)	
)	NOTICE OF CHARGES AND
Clarence Washington, MD,)	ALLEGATIONS; NOTICE OF
-)	HEARING
Respondent.)	

The North Carolina Medical Board (hereafter "Board" has preferred and does hereby prefer the following charges and allegations:

- 1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes.
- 2. Clarence Washington, MD, (hereafter "Dr. Washington") is a physician licensed by the Board on November 28, 2006 license number 32295.
- 3. At the times relevant herein, Dr. Washington practiced in the Fayetteville, North Carolina area.

First Charge

- Paragraphs one through three are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 5. Between April 2006 and August 2006, and perhaps on occasions yet to be discovered by the Board, Dr. Washington wrote prescriptions for Patient A, a close family member, for medications including Hydrocodone, a Schedule II controlled

substance, Risperdal®, Zocor®, Norvasc®, Glipizide, Metformin, Enalapril, Citalopram, Trazodone, Metoprolol, and Gabapentin.

- 6. Dr. Washington did not prepare and keep a proper written record of the treatment described above, including but not limited to prescriptions written and the medical indications for them.
- 7. Dr. Washington's practice of prescribing medications for and treating Patient A as described above constitutes unprofessional conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Washington's license to practice medicine issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future.

Second Charge

- Paragraphs one through three are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 9. Between May 2006 and October 2006 and perhaps on occasions yet to be discovered by the Board, Dr. Washington wrote numerous prescriptions for Patient B, a close family member, for medications including Vantin®, Albuterol, Flovent®, Sarafem, and Trazadone.
- 10. Dr. Washington did not prepare and keep a proper written record of the treatment described above, including but

not limited to prescriptions written and the medical indications for them.

11. Dr. Washington's practice of prescribing medications for Patients B as described above constitutes unprofessional conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Washington's license to practice medicine issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future.

Third Charge

- 12. Paragraphs one through three are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 13. Between March 2006 and October 2006 and perhaps on occasions yet to be discovered by the Board, Dr. Washington wrote numerous prescriptions for Patient C, a close family member, for medications including Fluticasone, Fexofenadine, Albuterol, and Flovent®.
- 14. Dr. Washington did not prepare and keep a proper written record of the treatment described above, including but not limited to prescriptions written and the medical indications for them.
- 15. Dr. Washington's practice of prescribing medications for Patients C as described above constitutes unprofessional

conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Washington's license to practice medicine issued by the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future.

Fourth Charge

- 16. Paragraphs one through three are re-alleged and incorporated herein by reference.
- 17. Between May 2006 and October 2006 and perhaps on occasions yet to be discovered by the Board, Dr. Washington wrote numerous prescriptions for Patient D, a close family member, for medications including Fexofenadine, Flovent®, Albuterol, and Fexofenadine.
- 18. Dr. Washington did not prepare and keep a proper written record of the treatment described above, including but not limited to prescriptions written and the medical indications for them.
- 19. Dr. Washington's practice of prescribing medications for Patients D as described above constitutes unprofessional conduct, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Washington's license to practice medicine issued by

the Board or to deny any application he might make in the future.

NOTICE TO DR. WASHINGTON

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14.2, it is hereby ordered that a hearing on the foregoing Notice of Charges and Allegations will be held at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2007, or as soon as thereafter as the Board may hear it, at the offices of the Board, 1203 Front Street, Raleigh, North Carolina to continue until completed. The hearing will be held pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40, 41, and 42, and N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14.2, 14.4, 14.5, and 14.6. You may appear personally and through counsel, may cross-examine witnesses and present evidence in your own behalf.

You may, if you desire, file written answers to the charges and complaints preferred against you within 30 days after the service of this notice.

The right to be present during the hearing of this case, including any such right conferred or implied by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(d), shall be deemed waived by a party or his counsel by voluntary absence from the hearing at a time when it is known that proceedings, including deliberations, are being conducted, or are about to be conducted. In such event the proceedings, including additional proceedings after the judge has retired to

deliberate, may go forward without waiting for the arrival or return of counsel or a party.

The identities of Patient A, B, C, and D are being withheld from public disclosure pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 90-8. However, this information will be provided to you upon your request.

This the 1st day of May, 2007.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

H. Arthur McCulloch, M.D.

President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, undersigned counsel for the North Carolina Medical Board, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Notice of Charges and Allegations by depositing a copy with the United States Postal Service, CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14.3, and addressed to the following:

Dr. Clarence Washington 101 Lochwood East Drive Cary, NC 27511

This the 1st day of May, 2007.

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