

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

RONALD A. NICHOLS, M.D.  
License Number: 43-01-053762

File Number: 43-14-133503

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (Complainant) by Carole H. Engle, Director, Bureau of Health Care Services, files this complaint against Ronald A. Nichols, M.D. (Respondent) as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Medicine (Board) is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended; MCL 333.1101 et seq. Pursuant to section 16226 of the Public Health Code, supra, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline licensees for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Michigan.

3. On April 21, 2010, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee executed a Consent Order and Stipulation which fined Respondent \$10,000.00 and required Respondent to complete 100 hours of community service.

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4. On March 15, 2012, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation executed a Consent Order which issued Respondent an Illinois Physician and Surgeon License with a Reprimand. The adverse action was based on the April 21, 2010 disciplinary action in the state of Michigan. A copy of the Illinois Consent Order, marked Exhibit A, is attached and incorporated.

5. Respondent failed to notify Complainant of the adverse action by the state of Illinois within 30 days of the date of the action.

#### COUNT I

The adverse action in the state of Illinois, as set forth above, constitutes a final adverse administrative action by a licensure, registration, disciplinary, or certification board involving the holder of, or an applicant for, a license or registration regulated by another state or a territory of the United States, in violation of section 16221(b)(x) of the Public Health Code, supra.

#### COUNT II

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a failure to notify Complainant of the disciplinary action in the state of Illinois, as required by section 16222(4) of the Public Health Code, supra, in violation of section 16221(f) of the Public Health Code, supra.

This Complaint is based upon files and records maintained by Complainant and the attached Affidavit of Elaine M. Riley.

Complainant requests that the within Complaint be served upon Respondent and that Respondent be offered an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the license. If compliance is not shown, Complainant further requests that formal proceedings be commenced pursuant to the Public Health Code, rules promulgated thereunder, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, 1969 PA 306, as amended; MCL 24.201 et seq.

Pursuant to section 16231(8) of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this complaint to submit a written response to the allegations contained herein. The written response shall be submitted to Complainant, Carole H. Engle, Director, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Pursuant to section 16231(9) of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent's failure to submit a written response within 30 days, as noted above, shall be treated as an admission of the allegations contained herein and shall result in transmittal of this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee for imposition of an appropriate sanction.

DATED: 11-6-14

  
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Carole H. Engle, Director  
Bureau of Health Care Services

#### Attachments

This is the final page of an Administrative Complaint in the matter of Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., File Number 43-14-133503, before the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Michigan Board of Medicine, consisting of three pages, this page included.

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Michigan disciplinary history. Moreover, Applicant provided information regarding his current practice status and his plans for Illinois.

Applicant has been advised of the right to a hearing, the right to contest denial of his application for license, and the right to administrative review of any Order resulting from a hearing. Applicant knowingly waives each of these rights, as well as any right to administrative review of this Consent Order.

Applicant and the Department have agreed, in order to resolve this matter, that Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., be permitted to enter into a Consent Order with the Department, providing for the imposition of measures which are fair and equitable in the circumstances and which are consistent with the best interest of the people of the State of Illinois.

CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, the Department, through Vladimir Lozovskiy, its attorney, and Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., Applicant, agree:

- A. Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., Illinois Physician and Surgeon License shall be issued with the Reprimand;
- B. This Consent Order shall become effective immediately after it is approved by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
of the State of Illinois**

3/14/2012  
DATE

Vladimir Lozovskiy  
Vladimir Lozovskiy  
Attorney for the Department

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3/14/2012  
DATE

Ronald A. Nichols, MD  
Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., Applicant

3-14-2012  
DATE

[Signature]  
Member, Medical Licensing Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

DATED THIS 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND  
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of  
the State of Illinois  
Division of Professional Regulations

[Signature]  
JAY STEWART  
DIRECTOR

Application No. 036/Cred#3139587/Case No. 2012-03170

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                                  ) ss  
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AFFIDAVIT OF ELAINE M. RILEY

NOW COMES Elaine M. Riley, hereafter Affiant, who, after first being duly sworn and upon oath, states on information and belief as follows:


Affiant is a Departmental Technician in the Enforcement Division, Bureau of Health Care Services, Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs, hereafter Department, and in this capacity is responsible for obtaining certified copies of records of final adverse administrative actions taken by other states against health professionals licensed to practice a health profession in the state of Michigan.

On June 19, 2014, Affiant received certified records of final adverse administrative action indicating that Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., hereafter Respondent, had been disciplined in the state of Illinois pursuant to a Consent Order dated March 15, 2012.

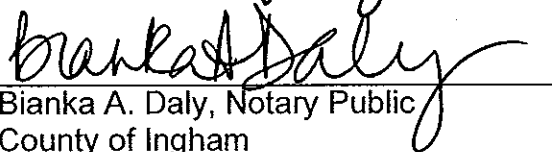
Upon checking the Department's records relative to Michigan licensure, Affiant learned that Respondent is currently licensed to practice as a Medical Doctor in the state of Michigan.

Affiant has not been notified by Respondent of the March 15, 2012, disciplinary action in the state of Illinois, within 30 days of the date of the action.

Further Affiant saith not.

  
Elaine M. Riley

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014

  
Bianka A. Daly, Notary Public  
County of Ingham  
My commission expires July 8, 2020.

**BIANKA A. DALY**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF MICHIGAN**  
**COUNTY OF INGHAM**  
My Commission Expires July 8, 2020

This is the last and final page of an Affidavit of Elaine M. Riley in the matter of Ronald A. Nichols, M.D., File Number 43-14-133503, before the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Michigan Board of Medicine, consisting of two pages, this page included.