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December 9, 2010 Case No. 2010-002884-A

Dana L. Greene, M.D.

Dear Dr. Greene:

Inquiry Panel A of the Colorado Medical Board ("Panel") has concluded its inquiry regarding your role in the care and treatment of patient L.L. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your license to practice medicine. However, the Panel did vote to administer disciplinary action to you in the form of this letter of admonition.

Early on the morning of November 5, 2006 when hospital patient L.L. was approximately 24 hours old, you conducted a physical examination and ordered testing based upon his jaundiced appearance. Patient L.L.'s test result was close to the level at which phototherapy treatment for his jaundice would be recommended. Later in the morning you discharged patient L.L. home, and gave instructions to his parents through an interpreter. A transcribed discharge instruction stated that patient L.L. should receive follow-up care "next week." Eight days later when his parents sought medical care, patient L.L. exhibited signs of untreated jaundice.

After a review of all the information in this matter, the Panel found that your care and treatment of patient L.L. fell below the generally accepted standards of practice for a family physician, constituting a violation of section 12-36-117 of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, you discharged patient L.L. from the hospital without arranging short-term follow-up care and advising his parents of the significant risk associated with his condition.

By this letter, the Panel hereby admonishes you and cautions you that complaints disclosing any repetition of such practice may lead to the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings against your license to practice medicine, wherein this letter of admonition may be entered into evidence as aggravation.

You are advised that it is your right to have this case reviewed in an administrative proceeding. To do so, you must submit a written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter. In your request, you must clearly ask that formal disciplinary



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proceedings be initiated against you to adjudicate the propriety of the conduct upon which this letter of admonition is based. If such request is timely made, this letter of admonition will be deemed vacated and the matter will be processed by means of a formal complaint and hearing. This is in accordance with the provisions of the Medical Practice Act governing the discipline of licensed physicians.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD INQUIRY PANEL A

Dennis A. Phelps, M.D.

Chair

DAP/mb

cc: Daniel M. Hubbard, Esq.