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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Dear Ms. Gebremeskel:

This is official notification that an informal conference will be held before a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Pharmacy on October 26, 2000 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Conference Room 3, Richmond, Virginia. You must sign in with your name and your arrival time to note your appearance. This sign-in sheet will be located next to the assigned conference room door. Please wait in one of the waiting rooms and you will be called once the Committee is ready to proceed with the Conference. If you have any additional continuing pharmacy education certificates to be presented on your behalf, you must bring the original certificate and three (3) copies with you.

In accordance with § 9-6.14:11 and § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), this Conference is being held to review allegations that you may have violated portions of the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3314.1(A) and § 54.1-3316(5), (7) and (10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and 18 VAC 110-20-90(A), (F) and (G) [1996] of the Board of Pharmacy Regulations, in that:

1. On May 6, 1998, an inspection was conducted at your principal place of practice, CVS Pharmacy #1410, Alexandria, Virginia, and you were unable to provide documentation of having obtained the fifteen (15) continuing pharmacy education hours for 1996.
2. Subsequently, in June 1998, you provided the Board office with documentation of having obtained only 14.5 of the fifteen (15) continuing pharmacy education hours for 1996. However, on or about December 29, 1999, you submitted documentation from Eli Lilly and Company, indicating you had taken one continuing pharmacy education program twice in 1996. As a result, on or about May 11, 2000, you were informed by the Board that you were required to obtain one additional hour of continuing pharmacy education for 1996.
3. On the 1996 renewal notice processed by the Board on December 23, 1996, Ms. Gebremeskel indicated "Yes" to the statement, "I certify that I have met all continuing education requirements to renew this license."

The purpose of an informal conference is to allow the Special Conference Committee, which consists of two members of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy to inquire into, and discuss with you personally, these

allegations. After reviewing the alleged violations with you, the Committee will make a decision regarding appropriate action. The Committee is authorized to take the following actions:

1. If the Committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, they will so advise and further, you will be notified by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice pharmacy in the Commonwealth;
2. The Committee may place you on probation with such terms as it may deem appropriate;
3. The Committee may reprimand you;
4. The Committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or
5. The Committee may refer the case to the Board of Pharmacy or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your license may be justified, the committee may offer you a consent order in lieu of a formal hearing.

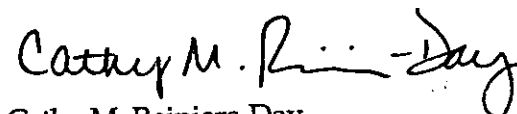
You have the right to information which will be relied upon by the Special Conference Committee in making a decision. Therefore, I have enclosed a copy of the documents which will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by them when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail and must be claimed at the post office. Also, enclosed are copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws and regulations relating to the practice of pharmacy in Virginia that are cited in this notice.

A request to continue this proceeding must be made in writing and directed to me at the address listed on this letter or it may be sent via facsimile transmission to 804/662-9313. Such request must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2000. Only one such motion will be considered. Absent critical circumstances, such as personal or family illness, a request for a continuance after October 19, 2000, will not be considered.

You may be represented by an attorney at the informal conference. If you obtain counsel, you should do so as soon as possible, as counsel may find it necessary to request a continuance due to their unavailability. Requests must be received by October 19, 2000, to be considered by the Committee. After that date, such requests will be considered on the basis of whether a good faith effort to obtain counsel within this time parameter was attempted and that you were not successful.

Please inform this office of your intention to appear at the conference at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date above. Should you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed in your absence. If you have any questions regarding this notice of informal conference or the procedures involved, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



Cathy M. Reiniers-Day
Deputy Executive Director

Enclosures

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