

STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re: )  
Ernest J. Steinhilber, M.D. ) CONSENT AGREEMENT  
FOR RENEWAL OF LICENSE

This Consent Agreement is entered into by the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (the "Board"), Ernest J. Steinhilber, M.D. (the "Licensee") and the Maine Department of Attorney General, pursuant to 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(B), 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 3280-A(2) and 3282-A(2).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. At all times material to this Consent Agreement, Dr. Steinhilber has held a license to practice medicine in the State of Maine. The Licensee specializes in the practice of psychiatry and works as a locum tenens with CompHealth.
2. In 1998, the State of Alaska Medical Board denied the Licensee's application for licensure he failed to fully and truthfully answer several questions on the application. The Licensee appealed this decision and, after a full hearing, the Alaska Board issued a Letter of Reprimand for intentional misrepresentations on his application, assessed a fifteen hundred

dollar (\$1500) fine and issued an unrestricted medical license to Dr. Steinhilber.

3. At the time of the Alaska Board's action, Dr. Steinhilber held licenses to practice medicine in twelve (12) states, including Alaska.

4. Beginning in 1999, the Boards in the other states where Dr. Steinhilber was licensed began to initiate and take disciplinary action against him based either on the Alaska disciplinary action or the Licensee's failure to fully disclose all licenses, complaints and/or disciplinary actions filed with or taken by state medical boards where he was licensed.

5. In his renewal application for his Maine license, dated February 7, 2005, the Licensee incorrectly answered "No" to Question 15-1 which asked if he "Had any state or territory of the U.S. or province/territory of Canada EVER deny your application for any license, taken any disciplinary action against the license issued to you in that jurisdiction (including but not limited to warning, reprimand, fine, suspension, revocation or restrictions in permitted practice, probation with or without monitoring?)" The Licensee failed to list all the disciplinary actions taken against his various licenses as a result of the 1999 Alaska Medical Board action, as well as the most recent actions taken by the State of New York and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2004.

6. In his previous renewal applications in 2001 and 2003, the Licensee listed some of the disciplinary actions taken by various state boards and referred the Maine Board to the National Practitioner Data Bank for further information.

7. On April 12, 2005, the Board reviewed the Licensee's renewal application for 2005 as well as his disciplinary history in all states where he had been licensed. Based on this review, the Board preliminarily denied the renewal application and issued a complaint against the Licensee for fraud and deceit in the application process and unprofessional conduct.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above-stated Findings of Fact, it is agreed by all parties the Dr. Steinhilber's failure to fully and truthfully provide the information requested by the Board in his 2005 renewal application is a basis for discipline and denial of his application pursuant to 32 M.R.S.A. §§ 3280-A(2), 3282-A(2) (A),(F) and (M).



ORDER

In lieu of proceeding to an Adjudicatory Hearing , the Board , the Licensee and the Department of Attorney General agree to the following:

1. Dr. Steinhilber is hereby REPRIMANDED by the Board. This action is based on the Alaska disciplinary action and the reciprocal actions of the other licensing jurisdictions and will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
2. Dr. Steinhilber is fined in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500).
3. The Board will renew Dr. Steinhilber's medical license.
4. Dr. Steinhilber has been advised of his right to be represented by an attorney and has declined to do so.

**I, Ernest J. Steinhilber, M.D., have read and understand the foregoing consent agreement. I understand that by signing it, I waive certain rights. I sign it voluntarily, without any threat of promise. I understand that this consent agreement contains the entire agreement**

and there is no other agreement of any kind, verbal, written or otherwise.

Dated: 5/10/05 Ernest J. Steinhilber M.D.  
ERNEST J. STEINHILBER, M.D.  
Dallas D. Reed 5/10/5



STATE OF MAINE  
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

Dated: 5-10-05 Edward David  
EDWARD DAVID, M.D., Chairman

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT  
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Dated: 5/10/05 Ruth E. McNiff  
RUTH E. McNIFF  
Assistant Attorney General