

## State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

## Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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CASE NUMBER:

2006-19

DATE:

February 14, 2006

RE:

Informal Consent Order Regarding Late License Renewal

Licensee Abigail Alfano, License No. A3645 referred to herein as Applicant) acknowledges that she failed to timely complete and submit her application for renewal of licensure for the year 2006. While license renewals are required by law and Board Rules to be received "on or before December 31 of each year", Applicant failed to submit her application timely, resulting in a failure to comply with mandatory requirements as of January 1, 2006. This is a violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act [La. R.S. 37:2407] and of the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners [46 LAC Sec. 165]. These facts and provisions of law provide the authority for this Consent Order.

Applicant has now applied for reinstatement of license. She agrees to the following terms and conditions with the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the Board) for late renewal:

- A. Applicant will pay to the Board, in addition to regular renewal and reinstatement fees, the sum of \$0.00 (due to the unusual circumstances of Katrina) as reimbursement for the administrative and legal time and expenses involved in late renewal of her license.
- B. Applicant worked without a valid license from January 1, 2006 to January 11, 2006. Applicant shall provide documentation with this agreement from her employer(s) which reflects that all charges to patient accounts have been reversed for all treatments provided by applicant during the period when she was not licensed. By providing a copy of this Informal Consent Order to her employer, Applicant will provide notice to her employer of the time period during which Applicant did not hold a valid license. This notification is provided so that Applicant's employer may take appropriate actions regarding billings and documentation.

C Applicant voluntarily gives her consent to this Informal Consent Order, the terms of which are the policy and authority of the board.

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Applicant Date 2-24-06

Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director

On behalf of the Board