

State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

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CASE NUMBER:

2006-24

DATE:

February 14, 2006

RE:

Informal Consent Order Regarding Late License Renewal

Licensee Joseph Barcelona, License No. 04717 (referred to herein as Applicant) acknowledges that he failed to timely complete and submit his 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 his 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. He 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 his license.
- B. Applicant worked without a valid license from January 1, 2006 to January 20, 2006. Applicant shall provide documentation with this agreement from his employer(s) which reflects that all charges to patient accounts have been reversed for all treatments provided by applicant during the period when he was not licensed. By providing a copy of this Informal Consent Order to his employer, Applicant will provide notice to his 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 his consent to this Informal Consent Order, the terms of which are the policy and authority of the board.

Cheryl Gaudin, Executive Director

On behalf of the Board

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