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August 28, 2000

Mr. Warren Fitzpatrick Beckford PSS/Client Services Representative Med Advantage 3452 Lake Lynda Drive Suite 250 Orlando, FL 32817

> RE: Myra Buller License No. 03268

Dear Mr. Beckford:

By way of introduction, I am the attorney for the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board"). The Board has forwarded to me a copy of your Public Records Request regarding the above referenced individual. Enclosed please find a copy of the Consent Order in Administrative Case No. 96-105 concerning Myra Buller, PT.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (337) 988-5340.

With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours

Michael A. Tomino, Jr.

MAT/ram Enclosure cc: LSBPTE



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In the Matter of	-	CONSENT ORDER
MYRA BULLER, P.T.	-	
License No. 00619	-	ADMINISTRATIVE CASE NO.
Respondent	-	96-105

A Formal Evidentiary Hearing was scheduled before the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") on June 27, 1996, to address alleged, specific violations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act by the Respondent, Myra Buller, P.T. ("Buller"), to-wit: "practicing physical therapy in violation of the provisions of this Chapter and any rules and regulations promulgated thereto in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act," LSA R.S. 37:2413A(1); violating provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act, LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2407A, 37:2414(2); and for violating the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board, Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A, 307A and 325 et seq.

In attendance, at the Pre-hearing Conference were Respondent, Myra Buller, P.T.; the Complainant, Sharon A. Toups, P.T.; and Michael A. Tomino, Jr., attorney for Board.

Upon consideration and discussion and evidence presented at the Conference and thereafter to the Board, this Consent Order, effective June 27, 1996, is voluntarily entered into by and between Respondent,Myra Buller, P.T. and the Board which was comprised of Lana I. Wilson, Rebecca B. Lege, Gregory Ward and Paul A. Lamothe, Jr. for the purposes of this proceeding.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent, Myra Buller, P.T., was a physical therapist possessing Louisiana License No. 00619 issued by the Board to practice physical therapy in the State of Louisiana in 1995 pursuant to the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana, LSA R.S. 37:2401 <u>et seq</u>.

2. Respondent failed to timely renew her license for the calendar year of 1996.

3. Respondent failed to annually renew on or before December, 31, 1995, by failing to submit to the Board an application for renewal together with the renewal fee prescribed by the Board's Rules and Regulations.

4. Respondent practiced physical therapy at Louisiana State University Medical Center, Outpatient Physical Therapy Clinic, beginning on or about January 1, 1996, through January 26, 1996.

5. Respondent practiced physical therapy in the State of Louisiana without a license issued by the Board beginning January 1, 1996, through January 26, 1996.

6. Respondent failed to timely renew her license to practice physical therapy for the calendar year 1996 in violation of the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Respondent practiced, held herself out, or designated herself, as a physical therapist duly licensed by the Board. LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2414(2) and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 307A and 325 et seq.

8. Respondent practiced physical therapy without to timely renewing her 1996 license prior to the deadline establish by law for such renewal. LSA R.S. 37:2407A and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A and 325 et seq.

9. Respondent's violations of the provisions of the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereto constitute lawful grounds for the Louisiana State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, upon due notice of hearing and proof of such violations, to suspend or revoke Respondent's license or other disciplinary action as provided by law. LSA R.S. 37:2402A, 37:2407A, 37:2414(2) and 37:2413A(1); and Rules and Regulations, Title 46, Sections 165A, 307A and 325 et seq.

#### DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent and the Board, by vote of the quorum, mutually agree to the following:

1. Respondent mutually shall pay \$250.00 lump sum to the Board as an agreed upon fine in this matter.

2. Within five (5) days of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit a signed Affidavit to the Board that she has read the Physical Therapy Practice Act of Louisiana and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereto.

3. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with this proceeding.

4 Respondent's failure to comply with any of the terms of this Order shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's licensure, or any other disciplinary action, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA R.S. 37:2413 and the Rules and Regulations by the Board.

5. The existence and terms of this Consent Order will not be confidential or privileged information.

Respondent hereby releases the Board, its representatives and attorney from 6. any obligations or liability in their endeavors to administer this Consent Order.

The effective date of this Consent Order shall be June 27, 1995, if Respondent 7. executes and returns the Consent Order to the Board within five (5) days of her receipt of same.

Upon timely receipt by the Board of Respondent's signed Consent Order, 8. payment of the \$250.00 fine, payment of costs associated with this proceedings, and Affidavit that she has read the Physical Therapy Practice Act and the Rules and Regulations. the Board shall thereafter issue a license to practice physical therapy to Respondent for 1996.

9 Upon Respondent timely complying with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8, her licensure to practice physical therapy for 1996 shall be considered renewed and reinstated effective January 1, 1996.

THUS DONE AND PASSED, on the 27 day of June, 1996, at the City of Lafayette, Parish of Lafayette, Louisiana., in the presence of the two undersigned competent witnesses, who hereunto sign their names with Appearer and me, Notary, after due reading of the whole.

WITNESSES:

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Notary Public

AGREED TO AND ACCEPTED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of \_\_\_\_\_ Jure , 1996.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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