

**IN THE MATTER OF
MICHELLE HOPKINS
LICENSE NO. T-5339**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF PHYSICAL
THERAPY EXAMINERS**

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

On July 7, 2005, Ms. Hopkins submitted an application for licensure to the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") for a license to practice physical therapy. On her application, Ms. Hopkins marked "Yes" to the following questions:

2. Has a state, federal, or foreign licensing or disciplinary board or agency (including Maryland, DC and Puerto Rico), or a comparable body in the armed services, taken any action against your license?

Ms. Hopkins further explained that she received formal discipline from the Arizona State Board of Physical Therapy. The Maryland Board issued Ms. Hopkins a temporary license on September 21, 2005, pending its investigation into this matter. The Board subsequently obtained a copy of the Consent Agreement, dated March 7, 2005, in which Ms. Hopkins received probation, and was ordered to perform 20 hours of community service, write a 500-word essay on certain provisions of the law, and pay a \$250 fine. The basis for the Arizona discipline was that Ms. Hopkins failed to submit documentation of her continuing education credits in response to a Board audit.

In lieu of issuing Charges against Ms. Hopkin's license in Maryland, the Board has voted to enter into this Pre-Charge Consent Order with Ms. Hopkins as a resolution of this matter.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ms. Hopkins was formally disciplined in Arizona and was placed on probation, fined

\$250, ordered to perform 20 hours of community service and write a 500-word essay on certain legal provisions, due to her failure to provide documentation of her continuing education credits in response to a Board audit.

2. Ms. Hopkins truthfully disclosed the above discipline on her application to the Maryland Board for licensure in Maryland.
3. Ms. Hopkins completed the terms of probation imposed by the Arizona Board on or about August 25, 2005.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Ms. Hopkins has violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §13-316(11).

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 15th day of November, 2005, hereby:

ORDERED that Ms. Hopkins' license be REPRIMANDED; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Board shall conduct an audit of Ms. Hopkins' continuing education credits for the next renewal term; and be it further

ORDERED that in the event that Ms. Hopkins fails to comply with the terms of this Order, the Board shall, unless emergency action is required, give Ms. Hopkins 20 days to respond in writing to the allegation. Upon receipt of the response, or in the absence of a response, the Board shall, after giving Ms. Hopkins an opportunity to be heard, impose any penalty which it could have imposed under Health Occ. 13-316 or 13-407.1 for the offense that has already been proven or admitted in this case, including a reprimand, suspension and

revocation, as well as the imposition of a monetary penalty; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Hopkins shall be responsible for all costs associated with this Pre-Charge Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a final order of the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

11-15-05
Date

Margery Rodgers, P.T.
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Chair, Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. I consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as if made after a hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.
2. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

24 October 2005
Date

Michelle Hopkins
Michelle Hopkins

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Washington:

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of October, 2005, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared MICHELLE HOPKINS and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

Marie Hillman
Notary Public
My commission expires: 7/1/07