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**MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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**CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**ARTICLE # 7007 0710 0004 6481 7833**

November 23, 2010

Ashanti Mason  
1607 Doral Drive  
Mitchellville MD 20721

RE: Letter of Admonishment Case #11-010

Dear Pharmacist Technician Mason:

The Board has completed its' investigation of a complaint filed against you, by Jaime Dizon and determined that you were involved with processing the prescription for which an error occurred. Ms. Dizon was dispensed TRAZADONE instead of the prescribed METHIMAZOLE on June 14, 2010. Therefore, the Board is issuing this Letter of Admonishment and enclosed Letter of Agreement that requires your signature.

Dispensing errors pose a potentially serious threat to patients. When errors occur, the factors that contributed to the occurrence should be identified and appropriate steps taken to reduce the likelihood of repeat incidents. Policies and procedures for prescription checking and verification must be followed at all times. Most importantly, extra precautions must be taken to ensure the accuracy of prescriptions by performing final visual checks.

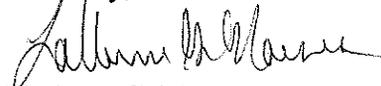
This Letter will form a part of your permanent record with the Board. The Board does not consider a Letter of Admonishment a public document. This Letter will not be revealed to any person without your prior authorization and will not be obtainable by any person under the Public Information Act, State Government Article, 10-611, et.seq. This Letter of Admonishment is not considered a disciplinary action by the Board. You need not reveal this letter to any person and you are not required to report it if you are asked if the Board has taken any action against your license. Further, if the Board should charge you with a violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act on some future matter, this letter will not be considered as evidence against you. However, if the Board finds you guilty of a similar charge, then this letter may be used in considering what penalty may be appropriate (i.e. public reprimand, probation, suspension, fine and/or revocation.

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Letter of Admonishment

If you comply with this Letter of Agreement, the Board will take no further action. If you do not return the signed letter of agreement, the Board may take further action.

If you would like an opportunity to address the Board with regard to this action, please contact Mr. Colin Eversley, Compliance Investigator at (410) 764-2943 to make arrangements.

Sincerely,



LaVerne G. Naesea,  
Executive Director

Cc: Linda Bethman, Board Counsel  
Francesca Gibbs, Board Counsel

## LETTER OF AGREEMENT

November 23, 2010

I, Ashanti Mason, understand and agree to the following terms and conditions as part of the informal resolution of the alleged violations cited in the attached Letter of Admonishment.

- (1) I agree that I will complete 6 unit Continuing Education (CEU) course in medication errors.
- (2) I understand and agree that this Letter of Agreement does not constitute "formal discipline" by the Board of Pharmacy and therefore does not constitute a public document under the Public Information Act, State Government Article, 10-611, et seq.
- (3) I understand and agree that the attached Letter of Admonishment shall not be considered by the Board as evidence against me in any future charges that may be brought against me by the Board. However, I understand and agree that if the Board should issue similar charges against me in the future, then the Board may use the Letter of Admonishment in considering which penalty may be appropriate if the Board finds me guilty of such charges.
- (4) I understand and agree that a violation of any provision contained in this Letter of Agreement shall constitute an act of unprofessional conduct under the Code of Md. Regs. tit. 10, 34.10.01B(3).
- (5) I understand and agree that this letter of agreement is to be signed and returned within 30 days of receipt, and I have 90 days from the date of signature to show proof of completion of the (course taken).

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Ashanti Mason

Case #11-010

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Date