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May 13, 2014

VIA CERTIFIED AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

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**Bridget A. Myers, RMP
6304 Wiscasset Road
Bethesda, MD 20816**

Re: **Bridget Myers, RMP
Reg. No. R01594
Case No. 14-26M**

Dear Ms. Myers,

On April 9, 2014, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners ("Board") notified you that the Montgomery County Office of Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept. of Human Resources ("Administration") directed the Board to suspend and deny your registration to practice massage in the State of Maryland for delinquent child support, pursuant to Maryland Family Law Code Ann. §10-119.3 (2006 Repl. Vol. and 2009 Supp.). With that notification, you were advised that the enclosed unexecuted Order of Suspension would be executed on May 10, 2014 unless you notified the Board in writing that you wish to contest the proposed suspension on the sole basis of mistaken identity.

As of the date of this letter, the Board has not received any such contest as to the suspension of your registration, nor has the Board been informed by the Administration that the child support delinquencies have been resolved. **Accordingly, the enclosed Order for Summary Suspension was executed on May 10, 2014. Your massage therapy registration is hereby SUSPENDED.**

Maryland law requires that your registration remain suspended unless and until the Board receives notification from the Administration that your registration should be reinstated, pursuant to Fam. Law. §10-119.3(k). For questions on

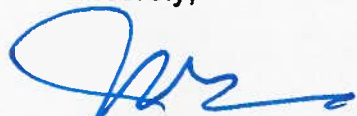
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resolving your child support delinquency, call the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept. of Human Resources at 1-800-332-6347.

Sincerely,



**J. Vallone, JD, CFE
Exec. Director
By Direction of the Board**

Enclosure: Executed Board Order re: Case No. 14-26M

cc: **Montgomery County Child Support Enforcement Division, 51 Monroe Street, Suite 811,
Rockville, MD 20850
Grant Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel
James Vallone, JD, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director
David Ford, CFE, Board Investigator
Michelle Czarnecki, JD, Compliance Manager**

IN THE MATTER OF
BRIDGET A. MYERS, RMP
Respondent
Registration No.: R01594
Case No:14-26M

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE BOARD OF**
*** CHIROPRACTIC AND**
*** MESSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**

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**ORDER OF REGISTRATION SUSPENSION FOR
DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT**

BACKGROUND

On or about April 8, 2014, the MD Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners (Board) received written request from the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Resources (Administration) to suspend the registration of Bridget A. Myers, RMP (Respondent), registration number R01594 for delinquent child support, by authority of the MD Family Law Code Ann., Family Law section 10-119.3(2006 Repl. Vol. and 2009 Supp.) which provides in part:

(e)(2) Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection, upon Notification by the administration under this section, a licensing authority Shall:

(i) suspend an individual's license; or

(ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a license from the licensing authority...

(h) Right to contest Identity – (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Subsection, prior to the suspension or denial of a license under subsection (e) Of this section, a licensing authority shall sent writtennotice of the proposed action to the individual whose license is subject to suspension or denial, including Notice of an individual's right to contest the identy of the individual whose license or application is to be suspended or denied.

(i) Appeal; hearing – (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this Subsection, an individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(k) Reinstatement of License – Duty of licensing authority – A licensing Authority shall immediately reinstate any license suspended, or process An application for any license denied, under this section if:

(1) notified by the Administration that the licensee should be Reinstated; and

(2) the individual otherwise qualifies for the license

On April 9, 2014 the Board sent an unexecuted copy of this Order to Respondent's last known address and to the address on the Administration request. Accompanying the unexecuted Order was a cover letter giving Respondent written notice of the right to contest her identity in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter. In addition, the letter advised Respondent that if she did not submit a written contest of mistaken identity on or before the date, the Board would execute this Order. The Respondent failed to submit a written contest letter of mistaken identity by May 9, 2014.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board issued a registration to practice massage therapy to Respondent on May 15, 2012, said registration is active and set to expire on October 31, 2014.
2. On or about April 8, 2014, the Board received a written request from the Office of Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Services (Administration), requesting the Board to suspend/deny the license/registration of Respondent for delinquent child support under legal authority of Family Law section 10-119.3.
3. Family Law section 10-119.3(e)(2) and (h)(1) require that the Board suspend the license of Respondent upon such notification by the Administration, sending Respondent written notice of the propose suspension and of her right to contest his/her identity.
4. On April 9, 2014 the Board sent Respondent an unexecuted copy of the Order of Suspension to her last known address registered with the Board and listed on the

Administration's request form. Included with the Order were specific instructions on contesting identity by submitting a written letter of contest to the Board within thirty (3) days of the date of the Board letter. The Board letter also specifically advised Respondent that the Suspension would commence should a letter of contest not be received by the deadline date.

5. Respondent did not submit a written contest letter by said deadline date.
6. Having given Respondent the statutory required notice of intent to suspend her license and the right to contest identity, and having not received a written contest of identity, the Board is statutorily required to suspend the registration in issue pursuant to Family Law section 10-119.3(e)(2).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that, pursuant to Family Law section 10-119.(e)(2)(i), it is statutorily required to suspend Respondent's registration.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions of law, this 10 day of may, 2014, by the MD Board of Chiropractic & Massage Therapy Examiners, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the registration of Respondent, **BRIDGET MYERS**, is **SUSPENDED** and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent's registration shall remain suspended until the Board receives notification from the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept of Human Resources that Respondent's registration should be reinstated; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Order of the Board, and as such, is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated by law to report, and is otherwise disclosable under the MD Public Information Act, MD State Govt. Code Ann. Section 10-611 *et seq* (2009 Repl.Vol.)



J. J. Vallone, JD, CFE
Exec. Director
For/by direction of
Michael Fedorczyk, DC
Board President

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Respondent has a right to appeal this Final Order pursuant to Family Law Article, section 10-119.3(i), which provides:

(i) Appeal; hearing – (1)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or to deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.

(ii) At a hearing under this paragraph, the issue shall be limited to whether the Administration has mistaken the identity of the individual whose license has been suspended or denied.