

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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December 15, 2015

VIA CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL AND ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mary Susan Emerson 2616 Tumble Brook Dr. Las Vegas, NV 89134

Re: CEASE AND DESIST ORDER WITH CITATION FOR UNLICENSED PRESCRIBING

Dear Ms. Emerson:

As you know, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy (Board) is aware that you, for a time, were prescribing controlled substances for Nevada patients without a Controlled Substance Registration. Under Nevada law, specifically NRS 453.226, a *practitioner may not prescribe controlled substances without first registering* with the Board of Pharmacy.

NRS 453.226 Requirements for registration; authority of registrant; exemptions and waivers; inspections.

1. Every practitioner or other person who dispenses any controlled substance within this State or who proposes to engage in the dispensing of any controlled substance within this State shall obtain biennially a registration issued by the Board in accordance with its regulations.

As used in the statute, the term "dispense" includes prescribing:

NRS 453.056 "Dispense" defined.

1. ... "dispense" means to deliver a controlled substance to an ultimate user, patient or research subject by or pursuant to the lawful order of a practitioner, *including the prescribing*, administering, packaging, labeling or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery.

. . . .

Additionally, you should be aware that prescribing without being properly registered is a felony under NRS 453.232: "A person who dispenses a controlled substance without being registered by the Board if required by NRS 453.231 is guilty of a category D felony..."

It is my understanding that you have already stopped prescribing controlled substances. Nonetheless, this letter shall serve as an order to CEASE and DESIST, immediately, that practice. You may not resume that activity until you submit an application to the Board of Pharmacy for a Controlled Substance Registration and such application is approved, if the Board so chooses.

Secondly, this letter shall serve as a CITATION pursuant to NRS 639.2895(2), citing you for practicing without being properly licensed. In association with that citation, the Board is assessing an administrative fine of \$2,000.00. You shall pay this administrative fine within thirty (30) days of receipt of this citation. Payment must be by *cashier's check*, *certified check* or *money order* made payable to the "Nevada State Board of Pharmacy." Send payment to the Board's Reno office located at 431 W. Plumb Lane, Reno, NV 89509.

You have the right to appeal this citation. See NRS 639.2895(2). If you choose to appeal, you must submit a written request for a hearing to the Board not later than 30 days after receipt of this Citation.

Please be aware that the forgoing Order and Citation, and any hearing held to review the Citation, if you so request, do <u>not</u> take the place of a hearing before the Board to determine whether the Board will grant your Application for a Controlled Substance Registration.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Best regards,

S. Paul Edwards General Counsel

Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

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Cc: Larry Pinson, Executive Secretary of the Nevada Board of Pharmacy

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431 W Plumb Lane - Reno, NV 89509

APPLICATION FOR ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE • PRESCRIBE

REGISTRATION FEE: \$80.00 (non-refundable money order only, no cash)

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Name: MARY SUSAN EMERSON

License Number: APRN001486

License Type: ADV PRACTICE REG NURSE

Original NV Issue Date: 02/01/2013

Print This License

LICENSE STATUS

Status:

ACTIVE

Expiration Date:

08/23/2016

Discipline Against Nurse:

Display Info Collaborating Physician:

APRN STATUS LEGEND

ACTIVE is the status ascribed to APRNs who meet the requirements for licensure. but do not meet the requirements for prescribing privileges

ACTIVE PRESCRIBING is the status that all APRNs who qualify to prescribe will be given at the onset of licensure with the NSBN. This status allows the APRN to prescribe all legend drugs and may include schedule III-V controlled substances

if they have provided us with their current DEA number. ACTIVE PRESCRIBING-CII is the status that APRNs are given when they have provided us with their current DEA number showing the CII-V designation, and have

practiced for longer than 2 years or 2000 hours ACTIVE PRESCRIBING-CII-COLL is the status that APRNs are given when they have provided us with their current DEA number showing the CII-V designation have practiced less than 2 years or 2000 hours, and have provided the

NSBN a copy of their collaborative agreement with a physician

ADDITIONAL LICENSES

License Type:

REGISTERED NURSE

License #:

RN73193

Status:

ACTIVE

Original NV I ssue Date: Expiration Date:

09/10/2012 08/23/2016

License Type:

TEMP RN

License #:

TRN334861 LAPSED/EXPIRED

Status:

08/20/2012

Original NV Issue Date: Expiration Date:

10/08/2012

License Type:

TEMP APRN

License #:

TAPN700843

Status:

LAPSED/EXPIRED 10/08/2012

Original NV I ssue Date:

Expiration Date:

02/02/2013

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