

**BEFORE THE MEDICAL LICENSING BOARD OF INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 2010 MLB 0013**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
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LICENSE OF GLENN BALLENGEE, D.O.)
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LICENSE NO: 02000654A)



AGREEMENT FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The State of Indiana, by counsel Elizabeth Kiefner Crawford and Christa J. Jewsbury, and the Respondent, Glenn Ballengee, D.O. (Respondent), agree to the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the medical license held by the Respondent for ninety (90) days as an emergency exists and the Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety if allowed to practice as a Medical Doctor in the State of Indiana.

This AGREEMENT and emergency order are based on the evidence in the Board's file and the following:

1. Respondent is a licensed Physician in the State of Indiana.
2. This Board has jurisdiction to suspend Respondent's license in accordance with the provisions of Indiana Code § 4-21.5-4 et seq. and Indiana Code § 25-1-9-10.
3. Respondent has a long history of disciplinary action with this Board involving issues of ^{EKC}addiction and depression. Respondent's Indiana medical license was on probation from approximately 2003 to 2009.
4. Respondent is employed by Dr. Kamal Tiwari (Dr. Tiwari) and Pain Management Center of Southern Indiana.

5. On or about May 1, 2010, Dr. Tiwari's federal and state controlled substance prescribing privileges were suspended.

6. Sometime after May 1, 2010, Dr. Tiwari held a meeting at The Cheesecake Factory in Greenwood, Indiana with the physicians employed by him including Respondent and Dr. Brad Strausburg. At this meeting, Dr. Tiwari asked if any physician would be willing to travel with him and write controlled substance prescriptions for patients seen by Dr. Tiwari as he no longer had privileges to write prescriptions for controlled substances. Respondent agreed to do so.

7. Between May 2010 and the date of the filing of this petition, Respondent traveled with Dr. Tiwari five (5) days a week to clinics located in Terre Haute, Columbus, New Albany, and Greenwood.

8. Respondent admits that after May 1, 2010, controlled substance prescriptions were issued to Dr. Tiwari's patients in Respondent's name without Respondent having any interaction with the patients whatsoever.

9. Since May 1, 2010, nearly 5,000 prescriptions for controlled substances have been reported to the INSPECT program with Respondent's DEA number and prescribing information.

10. In an interview conducted on July 14, 2010, Respondent admitted the following:

A. Respondent currently has pre-signed blank prescription forms at the Terre Haute location of Pain Management Center of Southern Indiana and that he realizes that this act is a violation of federal and state law;

B. Respondent related that due to his history with the Board and his long history of depression he felt that he had no where else to turn to for employment;

C. Respondent admitted that he has also left pre-signed prescriptions at the Bloomington location of Pain Management Center of Southern Indiana;

D. Respondent reported that he is currently working six (6) days per week at the various locations of the Pain Management Center of Southern Indiana and is working over sixty (60) hours per week;

E. Respondent admitted that after May 1, 2010 he was personally seeing over 50 patients per day and that he could not provide quality care to those patients given his mental state and the long hours he was required to work.

11. Based on his admissions on July 14, 2010, Respondent voluntarily surrendered his federal controlled substance prescribing privileges with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

12. If allowed to continue to practice as a licensed Physician, Respondent represents a clear and immediate danger to the public health and safety.

13. The parties agree to the continuing jurisdiction of the Board.

WHEREFORE, the parties agree that the Respondent's license will be placed on SUMMARY SUSPENSION for ninety (90) days.

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