

IN THE MATTER OF
ALICE CHEUNG, P.T.
LICENSE NO. 20827

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICAL
THERAPY EXAMINERS

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CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

Background Findings

On October 30, 2003, Alice Cheung voluntarily surrendered to the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") her license to practice physical therapy due to mental disorders which were affecting her ability to practice in a safe and competent manner. On September 27, 2008, Ms. Cheung petitioned for Reinstatement of her license. The Board ordered a psychological evaluation to determine whether Ms. Cheung is mentally competent to practice physical therapy.

On December 16, 2008, Alice Cheung appeared before a quorum of the Board in support of her Petition for Reinstatement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ms. Cheung has been in treatment with a psychologist and a psychiatrist since 2003. Ms. Cheung's psychiatrist indicates that Ms. Cheung is compliant with treatment and thus is fit to practice physical therapy.
2. Ms. Cheung submitted to a subsequent psychological evaluation by a Board-assigned psychologist in July 2008. The evaluation indicates that Ms. Cheung is mentally fit to practice on a limited basis.
3. Ms. Cheung has maintained up-to-date continuing education credits.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Ms. Cheung has shown cause for reinstatement of her license and has otherwise demonstrated that she is capable of safely practicing physical therapy under the probationary conditions set forth below.

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of the Board, it is this 17th day of March, 2009, hereby:

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung's license to practice physical therapy is hereby REINSTATED; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung's license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION for at least TWO (2) YEARS, subject to the following conditions:

1. Ms. Cheung shall work under the supervision of a Board-approved mentor for the duration of the probation;
2. Ms. Cheung shall only practice with another licensed physical therapist on the premises;
3. Ms. Cheung shall not practice in a homecare setting;
4. Ms. Cheung shall ensure her physical therapist employer submit to the Board monthly reports for the first six months of her employment; and
5. Ms. Cheung shall ensure her therapist submits to the Board bi-monthly (i.e. every other month) reports for six months from the date of this Order.

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of her compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of the probationary terms and a violation of this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that should Ms. Cheung violate any of the terms and/or conditions of this Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing, may impose any additional sanctions, including revocation and/or a monetary penalty authorized under the Maryland Physical Therapy Examiners Act; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung may petition the Board for Modification of this Order after one (1) year of its effective date; and be it further,

ORDERED that Ms. Cheung may petition the Board for release from probation no earlier than two (2) years after the effective date of this Order provided that she has been fully compliant with all of the terms of probation and there are no pending complaints against her; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal 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).

March 17, 2009
Date

Ann Tyminski
Ann Tyminski, P.T.
Executive Director, Board of Physical Therapy
Examiners

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
2. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter. 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.

2/14/2009
Date

Alice Cheung
Alice Cheung, P.T.

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF Howard:

I hereby certify that on this 14th day of February, 2009, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared ALICE CHEUNG, and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.



[Signature]
Notary Public
My commission expires: August 1, 2010