



New Mexico Medical Board

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October 23, 2017

Via certified mail

Mr. John Alexander Connell
1709 Girard Boulevard, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106

Dear Mr. Connell:

This letter serves as a formal demand from the New Mexico Medical Board (“Board”) that you cease and desist from your unlicensed practice of medicine in New Mexico.

The Board’s records indicate that you are not licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico. The practice of medicine in New Mexico, or attempts to practice medicine in New Mexico, without a license from the Board violates State law and constitutes a fourth degree felony, punishable by up to eighteen months in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both for each violation. *See* NMSA 1978, § 61-6-20.

New Mexico defines “the practice of medicine” as including –

- (a) “advertising, holding out to the public or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this state[.]”
- (b) “offering or undertaking to administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA[.]”
- (c) “offering or undertaking to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities any disease, illness, pain, wound, fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person[.]” or
- (d) offering medical peer review, utilization review or diagnostic service of any kind that directly influences patient care, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA 1978.

See NMSA 1978, § 61-6-6.

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The Board has received information that you have been engaged in the practice of medicine in New Mexico without a license. In particular, you have presented yourself as "Dr. Connell" or "Dr. John" in the practice of Edwin B. Hall, M.D., you have diagnosed and treated patients in Dr. Hall's practice, you have entered progress notes in patients' medical records, you have prescribed medication using Dr. Hall's name, and you have billed for treatment of patients under Dr. Hall's name. As I expect you are aware, the Board has summarily suspended Dr. Hall's license to practice medicine in New Mexico.

Because you are not licensed to practice medicine in New Mexico, you must immediately cease and desist from all practices that constitute the practice of medicine as it is defined in New Mexico.

I invite you to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sondra Frank". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S" and a distinct "F".

Sondra Frank
Executive Director

cc: Dr. Steve Jenkusky, M.D., Chairman