

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

GEORGE EDWIN COMPTON, JR., PH.D.
License No. 63-01-011736,
Respondent.

File No. 63-17-147502

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent, as provided by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*; the rules promulgated under the Code; and the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*

MCL 333.16233(5) requires that the Department find that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action, if a licensee or registrant is convicted of a felony; a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum of two years; or a misdemeanor involving the illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance; and

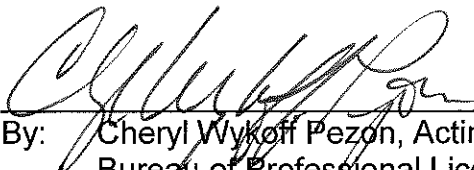
Based on MCL 333.16233(5) and Respondent's conviction, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint, the Department finds that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a psychologist in the state of Michigan is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED, commencing the date this Order is served.

Under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10702, Respondent may petition for the dissolution of this Order by filing a document clearly titled Petition for Dissolution of Summary Suspension with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Dated: 2/2/18


By: Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director
Bureau of Professional Licensing

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing, complains against Respondent as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Psychology is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* Pursuant to MCL 333.16226, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline persons for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice as a psychologist in the state of Michigan.

3. Pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5):

If a licensee or registrant is convicted of a felony; a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum term of 2 years; or a misdemeanor involving the illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance, the department shall find that the public health, safety, or welfare

requires emergency action and, in accordance with section 92 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, MCL 24.292, shall summarily suspend the licensee's license or the registrant's registration.

4. "Good moral character" is defined in MCL 338.41 as "the propensity on the part of the person to serve the public in the licensed area in a fair, honest, and open manner."

5. From January 2013 through June 2016, Respondent repeatedly defrauded multiple healthcare benefit programs by billing for psychological services that he never provided. Respondent would create and submit health care claim forms (HCFA 1500) for services he never rendered. Healthcare benefit programs would then reimburse Respondent for services never provided. As part of the fraudulent scheme, Respondent created false treatment records for patients to make it appear as if he provided therapeutic services. Respondent knowingly defrauded the healthcare benefit programs in excess of \$800,000.00.

6. On November 21, 2017, in the United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, Respondent was convicted of Health Care Fraud, a felony, in case number 1:17:CR:120-01. Respondent was sentenced to serve 28 months in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons, followed by two years' supervised release, with terms, and ordered to pay a \$100.00 assessment and \$837,006.41 in restitution. A copy of the conviction documents, marked Exhibit A, is attached and incorporated.

COUNT I

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a lack of good moral character, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(vi).

COUNT II

Respondent's conviction, as set forth above, constitutes a felony conviction involving fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain fees related to the practice of a health profession, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(ix).

COUNT III

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain third party reimbursement, in violation of MCL 333.16221(d)(iii).

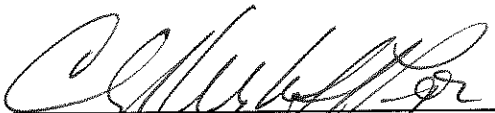
RESPONDENT IS NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5), the Department states that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action and, accordingly, Respondent's license to practice as a psychologist shall be summarily suspended, pending a hearing and final determination of this matter.

RESPONDENT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(8), Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this Complaint to answer this Complaint in writing and to show compliance with all lawful requirements for

licensure. Respondent shall submit the response to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Respondent's failure to submit an answer within 30 days is an admission of the allegations in this Complaint. If Respondent fails to answer, the Department shall transmit this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(9).

Dated: 2/2/18


Cheryl Wykoff Pezon, Acting Director
Bureau of Professional Licensing

Attachment

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