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March 10, 2009

William S. Holt, MD
53 Sewall St
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Dear Dr. Holt:

In the matter of complaint CR 08-450, and in accordance with 10 M.R.S.A., § 8003, (5), the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine is closing this complaint as it does not rise to a level warranting disciplinary action, and hereby issues this letter of guidance to you as an expression of concern about your action in this matter. The issuance of a letter of guidance does not constitute an adverse disciplinary action and is not reportable to any data bank.

In this case you failed to report on your recent license renewal a formal reprimand received from the American Academy of Ophthalmology in June 2007. In your response you stated that you were aware of the reprimand but did not view it as a disciplinary action; therefore, you filled out the renewal incorrectly. You acknowledged your error and stated you will endeavor to improve.

The Board notes that it is highly improper for a licensee to ignore any negative action taken by either a regulatory body or a specialty credentialing organization.

The Board cautions you:

1. To take such negative sanctions from your specialty board seriously. Specialty boards were created to certify, or confirm, a higher level of skill and proficiency by a physician in recognition of extra knowledge and skill. To ignore such sanctions from your specialty board demonstrates a significant lack of respect for that special recognition and your obligation to make the effort to understand their concern, and to maintain or improve your skills as appropriate.
2. To fill out the license renewal form carefully. You are expected to take note of your obligation to conform to all of the application procedures that have been deemed necessary to protect the public.

This letter of guidance, together with the complaint, response and investigative materials, will be placed in your file and held for ten (10) years. These materials may be accessed and considered by the Board in any subsequent action commenced against you within this 10-year time period.

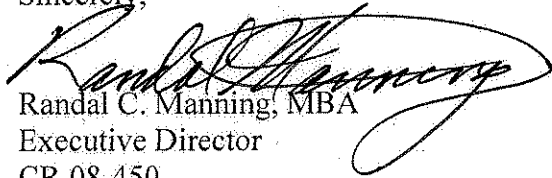
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The complaint response, reports and investigative materials remain confidential when they are placed on file, but the letter of guidance itself is not confidential.

Sincerely,



Randal C. Manning, MBA
Executive Director
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