

**Before the  
New Hampshire Board of Medicine  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301**

**In The Matter Of:  
Richard J. Keller, MD**

License No.: 11662  
(Adjudicatory/Disciplinary Proceeding)

**Docket No.: 12-12**

**ORDER**

The New Hampshire Board of Medicine ("Board") had received information indicating that the continued practice of medicine by Richard J. Keller, M.D. ("Respondent") posed an imminent threat to life, safety and/or health. In response, the Board held an emergency meeting on September 18, 2012 and voted to issue a temporary suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine pending a hearing on whether temporary and/or permanent disciplinary sanctions should be imposed. An Order of Emergency License Suspension and Notice of Hearing ("ELS/NOH") was issued on September 20, 2012. The ELS/NOH scheduled the first hearing for October 3, 2012 at 12:00 p.m. The ELS/NOH was sent to the Respondent by regular mail and by certified mail. The uncontroverted testimony is that the Respondent received the ELS/NOH on October 3, 2012. In addition, Assistant Attorney General Blodgett stated at the hearing that she sent a copy of the ELS/NOH via electronic mail to Respondent's Federal Defender. A hearing was held before the Board as scheduled. Assistant Attorney General Sarah T. Blodgett appeared for the Administrative Prosecutions Unit ("APU"). The Respondent did not appear.

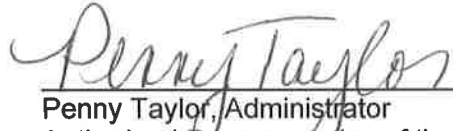
In light of the information provided at the hearing, the Board finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the Respondent's continued practice at this time would constitute an "imminent danger to life or health" (RSA 329:18-b) and the "public health, safety and welfare requires" that the Respondent's license remain suspended for the duration of the adjudicative proceeding (RSA 541-A:30, III). The reasons for this finding include the facts contained in the ELS/NOH, specifically in paragraph four (4), sections A, B, C and D.

Accordingly, the APU is directed to commence/continue an investigation in this matter. Such investigation should be on an expedited basis, if possible. At the conclusion of such investigation, the APU shall provide the Board with an amended report of investigation and a draft notice of hearing, or other negotiated document.

The Respondent is prohibited from practicing medicine, writing prescriptions, treating or seeing patients in the State of New Hampshire until such time as the Board in writing approves his return to practice.

**\*BY ORDER OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE  
BOARD OF MEDICINE**

Date: 10/11/2012



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Penny Taylor, Administrator  
Authorized Representative of the  
New Hampshire Board of Medicine

\*\Mark Sullivan, P.A., Board member, recused: