

In the Matter of LOUISIANA PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD Dion Lirette, P.T.A.

License No.
Respondent

Case Number 2010.

## CONSENT ORDER

by physical therapist Taylor McCaffery. independent contractor providing home health services through Therapy Providers, LLC, owned therapy services without a valid, current license from January 1, 2010 to July 26, 2010 as an attention on July 26, 2010 and Respondent immediately stopped working and contacted the Board staff regarding steps required for license reinstatement. Respondent had provided physical licenses after the 2010 annual renewal period. His employer brought this issue to Respondent's Respondent's name appeared in the Board newsletter in July, 2010 in a list of lapsed

application. Respondent has waived representation by counsel and to an informal conference and reinstate his license after payment of required fees and completion of the reinstatement Counsel Glenn Ducote and Executive Director Cheryl Gaudin, Respondent was allowed to Order as proposed by Board representatives formal hearing, after being advised of those rights and has agreed to the terms of this Consent After discussing his status with Board Case Manager Jerry Jones, Board General

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- license. 1. Respondent Dion Lirette, P.T.A., failed to renew his license for 2010 as required by law and continued to practice until July 26, 2010 without a lawfully issued, current and valid
- current license. contractor working for Therapy Providers, LLC, during almost seven months without a valid, Respondent performed 30-40 home health visits each week as an independent
- December 2, 2010. Respondent has now reinstated his license as a physical therapist assistant, effective

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

to and/or in violation of the following provisions of law regarding her practice of physical therapy: Respondent's conduct described above and otherwise reviewed in this action is subject

- physical therapist or a physical therapist assistant unless duly licensed by the Board in accordance with the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act. [La. R. S. 37:2408A and 37:2421A(2)] 1. No person shall practice, or in any way hold himself out, or designate himself, as a
- each year. Licenses issued by the Board shall be renewed annually on or before December 31 of [Rule 165]
- 3. Services provided by Respondent to patients from January 1, 2010 through July 26, 2010 were not provided by a licensed physical therapist assistant and therefore charges made for

or third-party payers which provided payment for those services. [La. R.S. 37:2414(2)] those services must be reimbursed to his employer and be refunded by his employer to the patient

## DECISION

agree as follows: further administrative and judicial proceedings, Respondent and the Board, by vote of quorum, Pursuant to the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in order to avoid

- Respondent's license is placed on probation for a period of three years.
- regularly working at least twenty hours per week as such. If Respondent ceases to be regularly employed as a physical therapist in Louisiana, he shall notify the Executive Director in writing Louisiana, he shall notify the Executive Director in writing within ten days of his return to Likewise, if Respondent returns to work as a physical therapist assistant within the State of within ten days of the last date Respondent has practiced physical therapy in Louisiana. Respondent is not employed as a physical therapist assistant within the State of Louisiana and The three-year probationary period shall be extended for any period of time in which
- advance by the Board Executive Director and which shall be in addition to the usual continuing education required to maintain licensure. complete a continuing education course on professional ethics which has been approved in During each of the three years of license probation, Respondent shall successfully
- Board online Jurisprudence course and complete the examination for that course During each of the three years of his license probation Respondent shall take the
- update the Executive Director in writing within five days of any and all changes in such contractual service arrangements which he has to work as a physical therapist assistant and shall Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing of all employment and/or
- this also with any new or subsequent employer(s) during his probationary period. in writing that he has received and reviewed a copy of this Consent Order; Respondent shall do providing services to that employer and shall have the employer(s) notify the Executive Director Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to his employer(s) before
- and he shall forward that documentation to the Board. for his services have been refunded or reversed to payers for all such services during that period refunded to his employer(s) all fees received for physical therapy services provided from January 1, 2010 through July 26, 2010, and shall obtain from his employer(s) documentation that charges Respondent shall provide documentation to the Executive Director that he has

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2010, at Lafayette, Louisiana. AGREED AND ACCEPTED by official action of the Board, the 2nd day of December,

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Dan Wood, P.T., Chairman

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