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February 27, 1997

Robert L. Benson, M.D.
200 Maclelyn Cove 6
Brookings Or 97415

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RE: Notice of Preliminary Denial of License Application

Dear Dr. Benson:

At its February 12, 1997 meeting the Maine Board of Licensure In Medicine preliminarily denied your application for a medical license. This denial was based on poor diagnostic skills - diagnosing bipolar disorder when not justified - and prescribing lithium when not clinically appropriate. [MRSA 32 §3282 - A(2)(6)]

You have the right to request an Adjudicatory Hearing before the Board on this matter of denial. This Adjudicatory Hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. You have the right to present evidence and submit documents, cross-examine witnesses against you, and make arguments in support of your application. You will have the burden of proving to the Board that you are qualified for a medical license. You have the right to be represented by legal counsel at your expense.

If you desire an Adjudicatory Hearing, your written request must be received by mail at the Board's office at the above address within 30 days of the mailing of this letter. If you do not, within 30 days, request an Adjudicatory Hearing, the Board's Action of February 12, 1997 denying your application will become final without further notice.

If you have any questions, please call me at (207) 2870-3605.

Sincerely,

Randal C. Manning
Executive Director

cc: Ruth McNiff, AAG
William McPeck, Assistant Executive Director