

## New Mexico Medical Board

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## Via certified first-class mail (return receipt requested)

Ms. Lisa Galinas G Spa 10400 Academy Road, NE, Suite 240 Albuquerque, NM 87111

Re: Case Number 2019-056 (Investigation Number 2018-A-083)

Dear Ms. Galinas:

This letter serves as a formal demand from the New Mexico Medical Board ("Board") that you cease and desist the unlicensed practice of medicine in New Mexico. It also gives you notice that the Board has lawful authority to initiate action in district court to order you to comply with the investigative subpoena the Board directed to G Spa last February.

The unlicensed practice of medicine in New Mexico and attempts to practice medicine in New Mexico without a license, violate State law and constitutes a fourth degree felony, punishable by up to eighteen months in prison, a fine of up to \$5,000, or both, for each violation. See NMSA 1978, § 61-6-20. New Mexico defines "the practice of medicine" as consisting of —

- "(1) advertising, holding out to the public or representing in any manner that one is authorized to practice medicine in this state;
- "(2) offering or undertaking to administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA 1978;
- "(3) offering or undertaking to give or administer, dispense or prescribe a drug or medicine for the use of another person, except as directed by a licensed physician;
- "(4) offering or undertaking to perform an operation or procedure upon a person;
- "(5) offering or undertaking to diagnose, correct or treat in any manner or by any means, methods, devices or instrumentalities any disease, illness, pain, wound,

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fracture, infirmity, deformity, defect or abnormal physical or mental condition of a person;

- "(6) offering medical peer review, utilization review or diagnostic service of any kind that directly influences patient care, except as authorized pursuant to a professional or occupational licensing statute set forth in Chapter 61 NMSA 1978; or
- "(7) acting as the representative or agent of a person in doing any of the things listed [above]."

NMSA 1978, § 61-6-6(K). See also 16.10.13 NMAC (the practice of medicine includes the use of medical therapeutic and cosmetic devices that alter or penetrate tissue, as well as the injection of cosmetic or aesthetic substances).

Furthermore, the Board has learned you have used, without authority, the names of one or more licensed physicians to order medical supplies and materials. You have also identified one or more licensed physicians as the medical director of G Spa without their authority.

Sincerely,

Sondra Frank, Esq. Executive Director

cc: Hector Balderas, Attorney General, State of New Mexico Sasha Poole, Executive Director, New Mexico Board of Nursing