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CERTIFIED MAIL

Dear

Recently you sent to the West Virginia Board of Medicine an application for medical licensure based on the Puerto Rico examination. You are no longer eligible for licensure in this State on the basis of that examination because West Virginia law requires that an applicant must pass an examination approved by the Board and the examination must be in the English language.

It has only in the last few weeks come to the attention of the Board that the Puerto Rico examination is offered in English and Spanish simultaneously, and accordingly at its first meeting following receipt of this new information, the Board on September 10, 2007, voted to rescind its 1983 policy to accept the Puerto Rico examination and that the Puerto Rico examination not be approved by the Board, effective immediately. The Board is of the opinion that it was required to do this upon learning that the Puerto Rico examination did not meet the statutory requirements. The Board is simply unable to accept the Puerto Rico examination as a basis for licensure. Enclosed please find a refund check of your application fee, your money order for \$100.00, and your application.

The Board extends its apologies to you for any inconvenience this may have caused you. We wish you well in your future pursuits.

Sincerely,


Robert C. Knittle

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