

**PAUL M. BRAMBLE, III, P.T.A**  
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**Laurel, DE 19956**

Date 10-9-05

Marge Rodgers, P.T., and  
Members of the Board of  
Physical Therapy Examiners  
4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

JUN 17 2005

Re: **Surrender of Physical Therapy Assistant  
License**  
**License Number: A1935**

Dear Ms. Rodgers and Members of the Board:

Please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a Physical Therapy Assistant in the State of Maryland, License Number A1935. I understand that I may not give physical therapy assistant advice or treatment to any individual, with or without supervision and/or compensation, or otherwise engage in the practice as a physical therapy assistant, as it is defined in the Physical Therapists Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. ("H.O.") Code Ann. § 13-101, *et seq*, (2000 Repl. Vol.). In other words, as of 5-20-05, the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC** document.

My decision to surrender my license to practice as a physical therapy assistant in Maryland has been prompted by an investigation of my licensure by the Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board").

The Board's investigation resulted in charges under the Act. Specifically, the Board charged me with the commission of prohibited acts under H.O. §13-316:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 13-317 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license, temporary license, or restricted license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee or holder of a temporary license or restricted license,

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place any licensee or holder of a temporary license or restricted license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license, temporary license, or restricted license if the applicant, licensee or holder:

- (10) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any other state or country or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or Veterans Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes [;].

The acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under the Board's disciplinary statutes are as follows:

§ 13-316:

- (15) Submits a false statement to collect a fee;
- (16) Violates any rule or regulation adopted by the Board;

The Respondent also violated the Board's Code of Ethics, Code Md. Regs. tit. 10, § 38.02.01 (March 18, 2002):

H. A licensee shall notify the Board in writing within 60 days if any license, certificate, permit, or registration granted by another state for the practice of physical therapy or limited physical therapy has been limited, restricted, suspended, revoked, or subjected to other disciplinary action by the licensing or certifying authority.

The charges stated the following:

1. Peter M. Bramble, III, P.T.A., the Respondent, was licensed to practice as a physical therapy assistant in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed on December 17, 1997. The Respondent's license expires on May 31, 2005.

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2. On or about September 16, 2004, the Board was notified by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy that the Respondent had received disciplinary action in Delaware. Accordingly, by letter dated December 17, 2004, the Board requested, under the Freedom of Information Act, information pertinent thereto.

3. Subsequently, by letter dated December 29, 2004, the Delaware Board sent a copy of its Order, dated April 20, 2004, to the Board. That Order (Consent Agreement), which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1, disclosed the following:

A. The Respondent worked for Moncure Physical Therapy, which provided therapy for home-bound patients through an agreement with Christiana Care Visiting Nurse Association (VNA). On May 8, 2002, the Respondent filled out VNA Physical Therapy Visit Notes for three patients that he did not see that day. Each patient was charged \$53.10 for the session.

B. As a result of falsifying records, the Respondent received the following sanction:

(1) A Reprimand;

(2) Probation for one year, with the following conditions:

(a) practice physical therapy in a structured, supervised environment, under the supervision of a physical therapist who is responsible for the care rendered;

(b) not practice physical therapy in a patient's home;

(c) no prohibition from engaging in the solo practice of physical therapy;

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(d) no ownership of a business that offers physical therapy services;

(e) no final approval over any billings submitted to any third party payors in any employment as a physical therapy assistant;

(f) practice monitored by a physical therapist who co-signs all notes and submits quarterly reports to the Delaware Board;

(g) no supervision of any student interns or termination of any supervision during the probationary period; and,

(h) attend continuing education units in professional ethics and record keeping during the probationary period as directed by the Board.

I affirm that I was served with a copy of the charging document and have otherwise been advised on the Board's actions through communications with representatives of the Office of the Attorney General. I further affirm that I have knowingly and voluntarily waived my right to legal counsel.

I have decided to surrender my license to practice as a physical therapy assistant in Maryland to avoid further prosecution of the aforementioned charges. The basis for the charges against me include the findings of the investigations described above, and by virtue of this Letter of Surrender, I waive any right to contest those charges and findings. I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving any right to contest these findings in a formal evidentiary hearing at which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I hereby affirm that I have permanently terminated any practice that I had in Maryland.

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I acknowledge that on or before the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I shall present to the Board my Maryland physical therapy assistant license, number A1935, including any renewal certificates and wallet-sized renewal cards.

I further recognize and agree that by agreeing to this Letter of Surrender that my license will remain surrendered forever. In other words, I agree never to apply for reinstatement of my physical therapy assistant license in the State of Maryland.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I had the opportunity to consult with an attorney before signing this Letter of Surrender, but knowingly and voluntarily waived that right. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul M. Bramble III P.T.A.", written in dark ink.

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**NOTARY**

STATE OF Delaware

CITY/COUNTY OF Milford, Kent

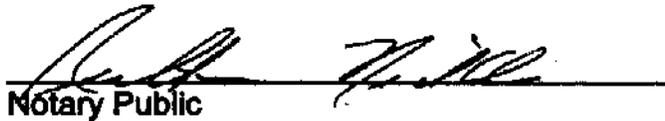
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 9 day of June, 2005,

before me, Ruthann Nickle, a Notary Public of the State and City/Country  
(Print Name)

aforsaid, personally appeared Paul M. Bramble, III, License Number A1985, and

declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing letter of  
surrender was his/her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 8 May 09

RUTHANN H. NICKLE  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
DELAWARE  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES May 8, 2009

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**ACCEPTANCE**

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF Physical Therapy on this 21st day of  
June, 2005, I accept Paul M. Bramble, III's public letter of surrender  
of his license to practice limited P.T. in the State of Maryland.

  
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Marge Rodgers, P.T., Chair  
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

cc: Roberta Gill, Assistant Attorney General  
Linda Bethman, AAG, Counsel to the Physical Therapy Board  
Ann Tyminski, Executive Director  
Timothy J. Paulus, Deputy Counsel  
Sheryl L. McDonald, Legal Secretary