

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS OF NURSING AND MEDICINE**

**IN RE: MARY ELLEN COTELLESE, L.N.P.  
License Nos.: 0024-090106, 0017-000625**

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4024(F), and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), Mary Ellen Cotellesse, L.N.P., who, prior to its suspension by the Committee of the Joint Boards of Nursing and Medicine (“Committee of the Joint Boards”) on February 5, 2015, held License No. 0024-090106 to practice as a nurse practitioner in Virginia and Prescriptive Authority No. 0017-000625, is hereby given notice that a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a quorum of the Committee of the Joint Boards. The hearing will be held on June 10, 2015, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia 23233, at which time Ms. Cotellesse will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing, Ms. Cotellesse has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Cotellesse desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to inquire into evidence that Ms. Cotellesse may have violated certain terms and conditions imposed on her as set forth in the Consent Order of the Committee of the Joint Boards entered on September 12, 2012, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Cotellesse may have violated certain

laws and regulations governing the practice of nurse practitioners in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS**

The Committee of the Joint Boards alleges that Mary Ellen Cotellese, L.N.P., may have violated Term No. 4 of the Committee's Order, which required her to comply with the Health Practitioners' Monitoring Program ("HPMP"), § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code and 18 VAC- 90-30-220(4) and (5) of the Regulations Governing the Licensure of Nurse Practitioners in that on or about January 26, 2015, Ms. Cotellese was dismissed from the HPMP due to the following noncompliance issues:

1. On or about September 4 and 11, 2014, Ms. Cotellese failed to call the drug screen test line.
2. On or about September 11, 2014, Ms. Cotellese failed to submit a drug screen.
3. On or about December 22, 2014, Ms. Cotellese did not attend a group meeting and failed to notify her therapist or case manager.
4. On or about January 12, 2015, Ms. Cotellese resigned from the HPMP and stopped calling the test line.

FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE JOINT BOARDS

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