

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE  
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE**



CONSENT ORDER NO. 14-51630-24

In the Matter of	)	<b>CONSENT ORDER</b>
Joanne B. Kalish, MD	)	
592 Santa Ynez Way	)	
Sacramento, CA 95816	)	
Respondent.	)	

This matter having been opened by the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance of the State of New Jersey, upon information indicating that Respondent, Joanne B. Kalish, MD, currently residing at 592 Santa Ynez Way, Sacramento, CA 95816, may have violated the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4; and

WHEREAS, Respondent, Joanne B. Kalish, MD, did misrepresent the level of services rendered when she submitted claims for office visits under high level CPT codes to Aetna Insurance Company and Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey when the services actually rendered should have been billed at a lower level office visit which resulted in her receiving a higher reimbursement from the carriers; and

WHEREAS, the above conduct constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1, et seq., and any future violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1, et seq. shall be considered to be a second offense; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has been informed that she has a right to notice and to ~~request a hearing in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq.) on the violation alleged herein before a civil administrative penalty is imposed; and~~

WHEREAS, Respondent understands these rights and has voluntarily waived the right to notice and to a formal legal proceeding in this matter; and

WHEREAS, Respondent consents to pay a civil administrative penalty in the amount of \$5,000.00, and surcharge in the amount of \$250.00, the total amount of \$5,250.00 being due immediately by certified check, bank check or money order made payable to the "Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance" and acknowledges restitution in the amount of \$1,040.75 payable to Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, P.O. Box 200145, Newark, New Jersey 07102, Attn: Mireilly Meiss and restitution in the amount of \$979.68 payable to Aetna, 151 Farmington Avenue, RWA4, Hartford, Connecticut 06156, Attn: Donna Dziedzic-Blanco. This signed order and the payment of the civil administrative penalty shall be returned to Managing Investigator, Michele M. Margiotta, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence, Department of Banking and Insurance, Five Executive Cmps, Ste 205 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002; and

WHEREAS, the penalties of this Consent Order are imposed pursuant to the police powers of the State of New Jersey for the enforcement of the law and the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and are not intended to constitute debts which may be limited or discharged in a bankruptcy proceeding; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that the matter is suitable for resolution upon the consent of the parties and that Respondent and the Bureau of Fraud Deterrence desire to terminate this matter without further hearing or litigation, and for further good cause appearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ON THIS 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016,  
ORDERED AND AGREED as follows:

1. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5(c), civil administrative penalty of \$5,000.00 is imposed on Respondent, Joanne B. Kalish, MD.
2. Respondent is bound to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,040.75 to Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey and restitution in the amount of \$979.68 to Aetna.
3. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-5.1, Respondent shall pay to the Commissioner, Department of Banking and Insurance, a surcharge equal to five (5%) percent of the settlement amount, which is \$250.00, such amount to be in addition to the civil administrative penalty.

4. Respondent consents to the entry of this final administrative order.

Respondent understands that this final administrative order may be docketed with the Clerk

of the Superior Court as provided in the Penalty Enforcement Law (N.J.S.A. 2A:58-10 et seq.).


5. This Consent Order shall not be binding until it is signed by the Chief of Investigations, Bureau of Fraud Deterrence.

6. This Consent Order may be used against Respondent in any civil or administrative proceeding related to a violation of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-1 et seq., including a license suspension or revocation proceeding.

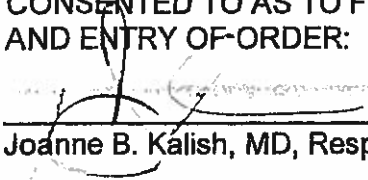
7. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:33A-10(c), a copy of this Consent Order shall be provided to the appropriate licensing authority.

RICHARD J. BADOLATO  
ACTING COMMISSIONER  
DEPARTMENT OF BANKING AND INSURANCE

By:

  
JOHN BUTCHKO  
CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS  
BUREAU OF FRAUD DETERRENCE

CONSENTED TO AS TO FORM, CONTENT  
AND ENTRY OF ORDER:

  
Joanne B. Kalish, MD, Respondent

Dated: 7/30/2016