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### CERTIFIED MAIL

Dennis R. Meador  
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### NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Mr. Meador:

I am counsel for the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners. It has come to the attention of the Board that you are providing medical advice and treatment to members of the public without being licensed to practice medicine in Iowa. In particular, the Board has received information that a hospital emergency room treated a patient for serious medical problems resulting from an enema you performed for this person, and from the Chinese herbal medicines provided to this same person. Further, you repeatedly stated to the emergency room and ICU personnel that you were a physician.

The Board has also received very troubling information that you have a history of misrepresenting yourself as a law enforcement officer with the Muscatine County Sheriff's Department, and have repeatedly represented yourself as a law enforcement officer in several encounters with the public. In addition, an investigator from the Board of Medical Examiners met with you at your office inside a church building, where you have an examination room which is furnished with an examination table and homeopathic medications. You also showed the investigator an advertisement in which you hold yourself out to the public as "Dr. Meador," as you are a doctor of theology, but you were not able to provide credentials to verify this explanation. The advertisement was captioned "How to Eliminate Sickness - From a Biblical Perspective," and addressed topics including diabetes, fibromyalgia, lupus, weight issues, cancer, arthritis, osteoporosis, and heart conditions.

You do not hold an Iowa medical license, which is required in order to hold yourself out to the public as a physician, or to provide medical advice and treatment to members of the public. This letter is to formally advise you that you must in the future **CEASE AND DESIST** from engaging in any conduct that constitutes the practice of medicine in Iowa.

Iowa Code Section 148.1 (2007) provides that the following persons are deemed to be engaged in the practice of medicine:

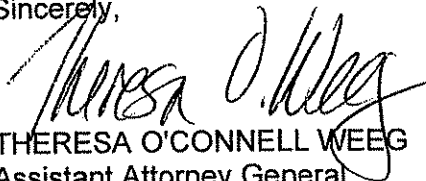
1. Persons who publicly profess to be physicians or surgeons or who publicly profess to assume the duties incident to the practice of medicine or surgery.
2. Persons who prescribe, or prescribe and furnish medicine for human ailments or treat the same by surgery.
3. Persons who act as representatives of any person in doing any of the things mentioned in this section.

A person who is engaged in the practice of medicine is required to obtain a license for that purpose. See Iowa Code Section 147.2. In the event a person engages in the practice of medicine without a license issued by the Board of Medical Examiners, the office of the Iowa Attorney General is authorized to file a civil action against that person in a state district court to obtain a permanent injunction prohibiting that person from engaging in the unauthorized practice of medicine. See Iowa Code Sections 147.83 and 147.92. Furthermore, such unlicensed practice could subject you to criminal charges, as Section 147.103A(1) provides that a violation of Section 147.2 is a Class "D" felony.

You are hereby warned that you must **CEASE AND DESIST** from practicing medicine without a license. If the Board of Medical Examiners receives information that you have engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine after the date you receive this letter, a civil injunction action may be filed against you by the office of the Iowa Attorney General, and/or the case may be referred to the county attorney for consideration of criminal prosecution.

I would strongly advise you to contact your attorney to seek advice regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
THERESA O'CONNELL WEEG  
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Iowa Board of Medical Examiners