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CERTIFIED MAIL

Pam and Rick Ryerse
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NOTICE TO CEASE AND DESIST

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ryerse:

It has come to the attention of the Iowa Board of Medicine (the Board) that Radiant Health Imaging is engaged in the practice of medicine in Iowa without an appropriately Iowa licensed physician. The Board received information which indicates that Radiant Health Imaging provides digital infrared thermal imaging services to individuals in Iowa. The website and advertising for Radiant Health Imaging promotes thermography for the screening and diagnoses of at least twenty medical conditions. The information reviewed by the Board indicates that Radiant Health Imaging sends the images out of state for interpretation to physicians who are not licensed to practice 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.

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.

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, 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 in Iowa without a license. If the Board 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.

The Board also has very serious concerns that your website and advertising compares thermography and mammography for breast cancer screening and implies that thermography is a superior diagnostic tool, even though this claim is not supported by current medical science.

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

Sincerely,



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