

Statement of Charges Pending (See Attached)

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH

In re: Sharon Weiselfish-Giammatteo, P.T.

Petition No. 2005-0104-014-001

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §§19a-10 and 19a-14, the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") brings the following charges against Sharon Weiselfish-Giammatteo:

1. Sharon Weiselfish-Giammatteo of Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 002852 to practice physical therapy by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") under the General Statutes of Connecticut, Chapter 376;
2. At all times mentioned herein, respondent operated, maintained and/or controlled Desert Light Health Associates, LLC, d.b.a. Regional Physical Therapy Center (hereinafter "Regional Physical Therapy") in Bloomfield, Connecticut and held the position of president.
3. From approximately November 1999 through January 2004, patient #1 came under the care of Regional Physical Therapy for treatment for a back injury. During this time, respondent, by and through her staff or by herself:
 - a. Treated patient #1 excessively and unnecessarily;
 - b. Failed to utilize CPT codes and failed to provide line-item billing charges to the patient;
 - c. Treated joints that were not in the area of injury without clinical justification;
 - d. Failed to maintain complete and adequate treatment records including, but not limited to, failure to fully document and record the patient's treatment, progress and treatment plan;
 - e. Employed techniques, modalities, and treatments without clinical justification that do not meet the standard of care, are not an appropriate part of a treatment plan and are unapproved by any accepted physical therapy treatise or practice;
 - f. Improperly held herself out as being able to diagnose and treat medical conditions;
 - g. Recommended and provided therapy for psychological conditions outside the scope of practice for a physical therapist; and/or,
 - h. Failed to provide appropriate and adequate modalities required to treat the patient's injuries.
4. The above described facts constitute violations of General Statutes of Connecticut, §§20-73 and 20-73a(2), (3) and (6).

THEREFORE, the Department prays that:

The Connecticut Board of Examiners for Physical Therapists, as authorized in §§19a-17 and 20-73a, revoke or order other disciplinary action against respondent's license as it deems appropriate and consistent with law.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 14th day of September 2006.



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Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
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