

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the	)	
Occupational Therapy License of	)	AGENCY NO: OT 04-03
OSAMU K. HENDRICKSON,	)	ORDER OF TWO-YEAR SUSPENSION
License #493981	)	OF LICENSE BY DEFAULT

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The Board of Occupational Therapy is the state agency responsible for the licensing and discipline of occupational therapists and for regulating the practice of occupational therapy in the State of Oregon. The Board is also authorized to investigate any alleged violation of unprofessional conduct of occupational therapy practice as defined by the standards established by statute and administrative rules of the Board.

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Osamu K. Hendrickson was licensed by the Board at the time of the complaint to practice occupational therapy in the State of Oregon holding OT license number 493981.

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On May 28, 2004, the Board voted to issue a Notice of Intent to Suspend Licensee's license. The Board properly served licensee with its Notice by certified mail on August 9, 2004 to Licensee's last known address. The Notice informed licensee of his right to a hearing, and also provided that upon failure to request a hearing within the specified time could result in issuance of a final order by default. In its Notice, the Board designated its file as the record for purposes of issuing a default order under ORS 183.415(6).

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2 Licensee failed to request a hearing within the time allowed, and is now in default. The  
3 Board therefore makes the following:

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

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1. Osamu Hendrickson was employed by South Salem Rehabilitation and Specialty  
6 Care center as an employee of Avamere (now known as Infinity) Rehabilitation  
7 Services in Salem, Oregon on or about May, 2003.

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2. Mr. Hendrickson walked off his job with no notice on or about May 3, 2004 and  
9 his position was terminated as job abandonment.

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3. Avamere Rehabilitation Services (now Infinity) in reviewing records found there  
11 was no documentation for billing of services. They believed that Mr. Hendrickson may  
12 have occupational therapy records of patients in his possession. Despite multiple  
13 attempts by Avamere to contact Mr. Hendrickson including phone messages, speaking  
14 with emergency contacts, sending a certified letter and overnight letter, Mr.  
15 Hendrickson did not respond to Avamere Rehabilitation Services.

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4. Avamere Rehab Services (now Infinity) hired a private investigator to contact Mr.  
17 Hendrickson and Mr. Hendrickson stated to the investigator that he did not have any  
18 records in his possession but did not provide a signed letter to this effect.

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5. Although Mr. Hendrickson submitted billing for multiple dates in approximately  
20 forty charts during the period of January to early May, 2004, there is no documentation  
21 in the facility charts for these billing services that Mr. Hendrickson claimed during this  
22 period.

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6. The Occupational Therapy Licensing Board attempted to contact Mr.  
24 Hendrickson by phone, letter of May 17, 2004 and certified letter sent June 1, 2004 and  
25 has received no response from Mr. Hendrickson since the letter of complaint to the Board  
26 was received on May 24, 2004.

1 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2 1. Licensee is in default.

3 2. By failing to document in the facility charts the services for which Mr. Hendrickson billed, he  
4 violated ORS 675.300(1)(a) and (d); OAR 339-010-0020(2)(c); OAR 339-010-0020(5)(a) and (b).

5 3. By failing to respond to the Board inquiries regarding the present investigation, Mr.  
6 Hendrickson violated ORS 675.300(1)(a); OAR 339-010-0020(3)(c)and(d).

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8 Based on the preceding Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the board hereby orders  
9 that Licensee's license is hereby suspended until May 31, 2004 beginning the date of this Final  
10 Order.

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12 Upon any future application to renew or reapply for licensure as an occupational therapist in  
13 Oregon, the Board shall review this order and Mr. Hendrickson will need to answer to the satisfaction  
14 of the Board the issues that led to this suspension order by default.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2004.

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18 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BOARD

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19 Signature on File

MEMBER

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21 NOTICE: You are entitled to judicial review of this order. Judicial review  
22 may be obtained by filing a petition for review within 60 days from the  
23 service of this order. Judicial review is pursuant to the provisions of  
24 ORS 183.482 to the Oregon Court of Appeals.