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BEFORE THE
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON

) Case No. N05-08-07
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In the Matter of the License of

M. CATHERINE SCHAEFER, N.D.,

Licensee.

FINAL ORDER BY DEFAULT
LETTER OF REPRIMAND
AND CIVIL PENALTY

1.

The Board of Naturopathic Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining Naturopathic physicians in the State of Oregon. M. Catherine Schaefer, N.D. (Licensee) is a licensed Naturopathic physician currently practicing in Aurora, Oregon, and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

Pursuant to ORS 685.110 and OAR 850-050-0010, the Board issues a Letter of Reprimand and imposes a Civil Penalty of \$1,000 on Licensee for violating ORS 685.110(25), former OAR 850-010-0190(7) (renumbered to OAR 850-050-0190(6)) and OAR 850-050-0140 by using untruthful, improper, misleading or deceptive advertising.

3.

In 2001, Licensee placed an advertisement under the "Midwives" heading in the Qwest Yellow Pages phone directory, which was distributed in the Portland, Oregon area in 2002. The advertisement states that Licensee is a Licensed Midwife and identifies Licensee as a "LM". As a result, patient I.G. contacted Licensee and used her services during childbirth in June 2002.

1 When Licensee placed this advertisement and when I.G. used her services, Licensee was
2 not licensed as a midwife.

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4 The Board issues this letter or Reprimand and imposed Civil Penalty in the
5 amount of \$1,000. Payment for Civil Penalty was received April 21, 2006.

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7 This is the only action by the Board at this time, however, the fact that Licensee engaged
8 in conduct that might constitute a danger to the health or safety of a patient by using untruthful,
9 improper, misleading or deceptive advertising may be considered as an aggravating factor in any
10 future violation.

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12 Dated this 5th day of May, 2006

13 BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC EXAMINERS

14 State of Oregon

15 By: _____

Signature on file

16 Rick Marinelli, ND, Board Chair

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