

# MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018	
ТО	Board Members	
FROM	Stephanie Cheung Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager	
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 23(c)Psychological Assistant #1 - Consideration of Licensing CommitteeRecommendations Regarding Requests for an Extension of the 72-MonthRegistration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological AssistantPursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code ofRegulations	

## Background:

California Code of Regulations, Title 16, section 1391.1 provides in part:

(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

# <u>Psychological Assistant (PSB) #1 – Request for a Two-year Extension of the 72-</u> month registration period

PSB #1 was issued a total of four psychological assistant registrations with the first registration issued on December 14, 2012. Three out of the four registrations have since expired or cancelled. PSB #1's current registration was issued on February 19, 2014 and will expire on February 19, 2019 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

As stated on the Verification of Experience forms, PSB #1 has accrued more than 3,000 hours of supervised professional experience (SPE) by May 2016 and has met the SPE requirement towards licensure.

PSB #1 is requesting a two-year extension to allow time to prepare for the licensure examination and continue to be able to work as a psychological assistant. PSB #1 further stated in the request that due to a medical condition for the past two years, PSB #1 was not able to prepare for the licensure examination and worked with a limited schedule.

The Board's records show that PSB #1 attempted to take the EPPP three times but has failed to pass the examination. The examination was taken on March 31, 2014, August 17, 2017, and March 13, 2018.

# Attachment:

A: Letter of Request B: Supporting Documents

# Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the two-year extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration, but to grant a one-year period of extension from the current expiration date of the registration to make any necessary arrangements.

August 8, 2018

Licensing Division Request for Extension of Psychological Assistant License

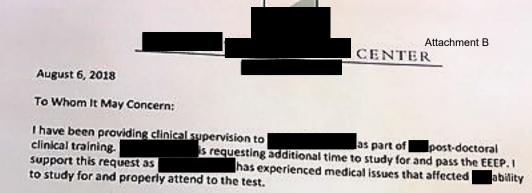
Board of Psychology,

I am writing to request additional time, 2 years, be added to my time as a psychological assistant which expires in December of 2018. Unfortunately, over the past two years I have been battling a life-threatening vascular complications that have been very time consuming and interfered with me prepping for licensure. Between multiple surgeries, hospitalizations, speciality medical appointments and physical therapy three times a week for an extended period of time; I was not able to focus on studying. I have worked a limited schedule over the past two years. I have not been able to study/work as much as I would have liked during my psychological assistantship.

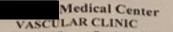
I was able to complete my hours necessary for licensure; however, I have not been able to focus on studying for the EPPP. With the support of my supervisor, Dr. **Mathematical States**, I would like to ask for 2 more years to be able to work as a psychological assistant while studying for my exams. The ability to work is vital to me, as I am recently divorced and have no other income. Therefore, the ability to work in my field is crucial. I have the supporting medical documentation attached as well as the support of my supervisor, Dr. **Mathematical**, supporting my request. Please consider allowing me additional time to work as a psychological assistant. I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue to work in my field until I can pass my tests.

Thank you for time and consideration in this matter.

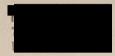
, Psy. D. Psychological Assistant PSB



Respectively Ph.D.



July 13, 2018



# TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN;

was treated by Dr. I in 2016 extensively for vascular complications with physical therapy three times weekly over a period of eight months.

Our patients symptoms have improved slightly but are unresolved requiring continual physical therapy on a monthly basis to present.

Don't hesitate to call with any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Vascular Surgeon



# MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018	
ТО	Board Members	
FROM	Stephanie Cheung Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager	
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 23(c)Psychological Assistant #2 - Consideration of Licensing CommitteeRecommendations Regarding Requests for an Extension of the 72-MonthRegistration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological AssistantPursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code ofRegulations	

## Background:

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(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

# <u>Psychological Assistant (PSB) #2 – Request for a Six-year Extension of the 72-</u> month registration period

PSB #2 holds a current psychological assistant registration that was issued on March 11, 2010, which will expire on November 20, 2018 according to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

PSB #2 requested for a six-year extension to renew the psychological registration in order to continue utilizing PSB #2's unique background and language skills to provide services within specific communities. PSB #2 also explained not having enough time to prepare for the licensure examinations due to multiple reasons, such as heavy workload, language barrier, the death of mother, and personal family crisis.

The Board record shows that PSB #2 has not applied to take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology yet.

# Attachment:

A: Letter of Request B: Supporting Documents

# Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the six-year extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration, but to grant a one-year period of extension from the current expiration date of the registration to make any necessary arrangements.

Attachment A



June 30, 2018

Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager California Board of Psychology 1625 N. Market Blvd, #N-215 Sacramento, Ca. 95834

Dear Ms. Cheung:

I am writing this letter to respectfully request a 6 year extension to the 72 month registration limitation as a psychological assistant, PSB

By way of background I am a Russian from Azerbaijan (former Soviet Union). Azerbaijan was a community of Russians, Armenians, Russian Jews and Muslims. Because of having received my education among these groups I am very familiar with the customs of each group. My first language was Russian, although I speak some Armenian and Azeri as well as other languages.

Living in the second which has a large population of each of these groups and with a lifelong familiarity with these groups, I am able to quickly establish a rapport. Then, in their language I am able to identify their needs and help them find solutions. I have been a strong advocate for our communities and wish to continue. Within my caseload are many mentally disturbed and severely disabled. Some are almost completely unable to function normally. Most, because of very poor English skills, cannot interact with governmental programs, medical insurance or doctors without translation.

I am years old and have spent almost all of my professional life as a Psychological Assistant and would like to continue until age Not allowing me to continue as a Psychological Assistant has caused a severe hardship on me personally, and also to the various communities that I have been serving for years. Since the expiration of my Psychological Assistantship, I have had many distressed calls from former clients and no good alternatives to suggest to them. Since I received a renewal notice from the Board in December and returned it in a timely manner with fees (the check was cashed and never refunded), I am hoping that there is still time to consider an extension.

Because of a heavy workload (I also work as an agency social worker), a language barrier, my mother's terminal illness and death, as well as a personal family crisis, I have been unable to allow enough time in preparation for the exams for my psychology license. However I plan to continue preparing and take the exam as soon as possible.

Please consider me for an extension so I can continue to aid my communities.

Respectfully,



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7/10/18

Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager California Board of Psychology 1625 N. Market Blvd, #N-215 Sacramento, Ca. 95834

Dear Ms. Cheung:

I am writing this letter of support of **support** request for an extension of the 72 month registration limit as a psychological assistant.

unique background and language skills have made an extremely valuable resource to the large Russian, Armenian, and Azeri communities in San Diego. The has provided excellent services to these communities over the last 6 years, helping many with poor English language skills to cope with depression, anxiety, and PTSD related to the Baku war and other tragedies which led to them being granted asylum in the United States. Since Psychological Assistantship expired in December, I have gotten literally scores of calls for services and have nowhere else to refer them. The absence from practice is a serious hardship on the community.

Because of the mother's terminal illness and eventual death, as well as some language limitations, the has been unable to complete the studying required to take the psychology licensing exams. I strongly support the request for extension of the psychological assistant registration limit, since the fills such a unique need in the San Diego community. I will, of course, encourage to now push ahead with completing the license as well.

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# MEMORANDUM

DATE	November 1, 2018	
ТО	Board Members	
FROM	Stephanie Cheung Stephanie Cheung Licensing Manager	
SUBJECT	Agenda Item 23(c)Psychological Assistant #3 - Consideration of Licensing CommitteeRecommendations Regarding Requests for an Extension of the 72-MonthRegistration Period Limitation for Registered Psychological AssistantPursuant to Section 1391.1(b) of Title 16 of the California Code ofRegulations	

# Background:

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(b) Registration as a psychological assistant shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months). Each registration shall be subject to annual renewal pursuant to section 1391.12.

For any psychological assistant registered prior to the effective date of this subdivision, subsequent renewals or registrations shall be limited to a cumulative total of six years (72 months) from the date of the psychological assistant's next registration or renewal, whichever occurs first.

Upon showing of good cause as determined by the Board, these specified time limitations may be reasonably modified.

# <u>Psychological Assistant (PSB) #3 – Request for a one-year Extension of the 72-</u> month registration period

PSB #3 was issued a psychological assistant registration on March 2, 2012, and the registration expired on March 2, 2018 pursuant to the 72-month limitation rule with the genesis date beginning on October 23, 2011.

As stated on the Verification of Experience form, PSB #3 has accrued more than 1,500 hours of pre-doctoral supervised professional experience (SPE) from March 2, 2012 to February 12, 2018.

PSB #3 is requesting a one-year extension to renew the psychological registration in order to continue to accrue the necessary post-doctoral SPE towards licensure once the

doctoral degree is awarded. According to the projected licensure plan submitted by PSB #3, PSB #3 anticipates to graduate on August 28, 2019 and will resume accruing postdoctoral SPE on September 1, 2019. PSB #3 explains that there were numerous delays in completing the dissertation proposal due to the lengthy and challenging Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval process. While attempting to complete the dissertation, PSB #3 was also taking care of their daughter who suffered from severe illness as well as their father who had fallen ill and passed away.

The Board's records show that PSB #3 has not yet applied to take the Examination for Professional Practice in Psychology.

# Attachment:

A: Letter of Request B: Timeline

## Action Requested:

Review and consider the Licensing Committee's recommendation to deny the one-year extension request of the 72-month limitation for the psychological assistant registration without prejudice, and to submit another extension request once the doctoral degree is conferred in 2019.

# Cheung, Stephanie@DCA

From:	
Sent:	Monday, February 5, 2018 6:18 AM
То:	DCA, BOPLicensing@DCA
Cc:	PsyD'; DCA, BOPRenewals@DCA
Subject:	Request for Psychological Assistant registration extension
Importance:	High
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Hello Ms. Stephanie Cheung,

My name is

, and I am currently registered as a Psychological Assistant in California:

- Psychological Assistant No. PSB
- Supervised by , PsyD Psychologist License No. PSY

I was directed to contact you after initially contacting the Board of Psychology Renewals department regarding my request for support in extending my licensure status for an additional year period subsequent to my impending renewal date of March 2, 2018. My understanding is that as of my impending renewal date (March 2, 2018) I will have utilized the full number of years normally allotted for supervision of psychological assistants prior to obtaining licensure as a psychologist.

I have been enrolled as a student in the **PhD** Clinical Psychology program for the past several years, and am currently undergoing IRB review of my study. I also maintain full-time employment as director of an opioid treatment program in the **PhD** Clinical Psychology program for the past several years, having served in the field for some 29 years.

It has been an inordinately lengthy process to get this far with my academic studies, with numerous delays imposed by multiple factors:

- Extended periods where various phases of academic approval for my dissertation proposal took an atypical amount of time because I am attempting to measure the effects of a Mindfulness-based manualized treatment adjunct on a population currently participating in treatment for opioid use disorder, with attendant complexity of study design considerations. The IRB approval for my study has proved extremely challenging, but I am now very close to receiving that approval, as my application document has been approved, and I am at present awaiting review and approval of one additional required document before I can implement my study;
- Extended delays in approval of my study design and implementation caused by a restructuring of the organization originally sponsoring my study ( Programs) that required me to revise and resubmit all my study documentation to obtain approval with the newer sponsoring organization, Services, and thence resubmit the revised documentation to the REF IRB for approval; and
- Recurrent instances of severe illness experienced by my daughter and the unanticipated illness and subsequent death of my father; that conflicted with time needed for pursuit of my academic goals resulting in attendant delays with my dissertation progress.

Becoming a licensed psychologist has been a lifelong dream of mine, although my personal circumstances did not afford me the opportunity to begin my studies until late middle age. I am close to realizing my goal, and hope to offer relevant and clinically effective services to as many individuals as possible. I consider it a privilege to serve clients under the supervision of Dr. and he continues to be a primary source of learning and inspiration for me. Given the above considerations, I request your assistance in supporting me with obtaining additional time as a supervised Psychological Assistant for completion of my academic program, not to exceed more than one year subsequent to my upcoming renewal date of March 2, 2018. If this proves impossible, any information about alternate licensing options for me will be greatly appreciated.

I thank you for your kind consideration of my request.

Warm Regards,

, MS	
Psychological Assistant No. P.	SB
Email:	
Web:	
Phone:	
Supervised by , Psy	D
Psychologist License No. PSY	

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### Licensure Plan (Revised) Psychological Assistant License Period Extension

MS PsyD Licensed Psychologist # Supervised by Anticipated Objective Completion Date (on/by) receives Doctoral Psychology degree from 8/18/2019\* a. Resumption of supervised hours as psychological assistant 9/01/2019\* b. 20 Supervised Hours per week X 75 weeks completes Post-Doctoral 1500 supervised hours requirement 10/31/2020 Application for Licensure, along with required documentation, is submitted 11/01/2020 for BOP review 1/31/2021 Licensure application is approved registers for the EPPP examination 2/01/2021 a. | studies for the EPPP examination **b**. 6/30/2021 takes and passes the EPPP examination registers for the California law and Ethics examination 7/01/2021 a. studies for the California Law and Ethics Examination b. | 10/31/2021 takes and passes the California Law and Ethic examination **BOP** processes licensure application 21/31/2021

\*Denotes revised completion dates. The remaining dates remain as originally planned.

Note: all above time frames subject to revision if **sectors** receives doctoral degree earlier than indicated above

# Offered as rationale for extension of Psychological Assistant licensure period

Date	Description of Situational Factors and Goal-Related Activity			
2/19/2012	Draft dissertation proposal submission to Committee Chairperson. Subsequent period of wherein research is conducted and draft of study prospectus is prepared for Doctoral Dissertation Committee review.			
5/05/2013	Submission of revised prospectus to Committee Chairperson for review. Prospectus approved and subsequent period of research and dissertation draft preparation. Subsequent draft, submission to dissertation committee and approval of dissertation introductory and literature review chapters. Subsequent draft of dissertation methods chapter submitted to committee members and URR reviewer.			
3/23/2014	Submission of revised dissertation methods chapter to committee and URR for review. Subsequent dissertation revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
5/25/2014	Submission of revised dissertation methods chapter for committee and URR review. Subsequent period of additional research and dissertation revision. Negotiation with BAART programs CEO for permission to conduct study using BAART programs patient participants. CEO review of proposal completed and permission obtained. Research Approval Letter obtained from BAART programs CEO.			
8/17/2014	Submission of BAART Programs Research Approval letter to committee member and URR for review. Subsequent research and revision of dissertation methods chapter. Committee members approval attained, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent dissertation revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
11/07/2014	Submission of revised dissertation methods chapter to committee members and URR reviewer for review. Subsequent revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent dissertation revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
2/09/2015	Revised research proposal submitted to committee and URR reviewer for review. Subsequent revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome.			
3/26/2015	Committee teleconference to review and determine optimal responsive strategy to obtain URR approval of proposal. Subsequent extended period of research and dissertation revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
8/7/2015	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
10/28/2015	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
2/01/2016	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and revision as required by URR review outcomes.			
4/17/2016	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and revision as required by URR review outcomes.			

5/07/2016	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for
5/07/2016	review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required
	as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and
	revision as required by URR review outcomes.
7/16/2016	Completion and submission of revised proposal to committee and URR reviewer for
1710/2010	review. Revision approval by committee members, however, additional revisions required
	as a result of URR review outcome. Subsequent period of dissertation research and
	revision as required by URR review outcomes.
9/14/2016	Oral Defense of study proposal conducted. Committee approval of research proposal.
9/14/2010	
	Subsequent period of research and completion of draft IRB application. Subsequent
10/00/0010	committee review and approval of IRB application.
10/09/2016	IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for
	revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application
	submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent
	period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission.
	Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
10/29/2016	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned
	by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB
	application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision.
	Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for
	resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
12/04/2016	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned
	by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB
	application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision.
	Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for
	resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
2/05/2017	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned
2,00,2011	by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB
	application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision.
	Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for
	resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
5/21/2017	Due to corporate restructuring, determination made that existing organizational research
5/21/2017	approval was no longer valid. Subsequent extended period of revision of IRB supporting
6/04/2017	documentation in preparation for submission to new corporate CEO for review. Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned
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	by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB
	application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision.
	Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for
0/00/00/7	resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
8/06/2017	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned
	by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB
	application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision.
	Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for
	resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	Onset of debilitating illness symptoms (date approximate). Provision of direct
9/17/2017	care services including interpersonal support, facilitation of and transport to/from multiple
	medical examination and treatment appointments
	Diagnosis of continued provision of condition (date approximate). Continued provision of
10/06/2017	direct care services including interpersonal support, facilitation of and transport to/from
	multiple medical examination and treatment appointments
11/06/2017	death.
11/06/2017	death.
11/06/2017 11/07/2017	death. Subsequent familial grieving and interpersonal support period. Coordination and facilitation of funeral preparations, funeral services, and post-funeral arrangements.

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	11/13/2017	Funeral services for Subsequent provision of interpersonal support to
	11/13/2017	and multiple other family members.
	12/19/2017	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision and inclusion of additional documentation related to new organizational study approval. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	1/10/2018	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision and inclusion of additional documentation related to new organizational study approval. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	2/28/2018	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision and inclusion of additional documentation related to new organizational study approval. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	3/01/2018	After consultation with IRB and committee, development of additional and revised documentation for submission to new corporate study sponsor for review. Corporate sponsor approval obtained. Subsequent revision of IRB application to reflect above documentation amendments and additional required documentation.
	4/14/2018	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision and inclusion of revised documentation related to new organizational study approval. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	4/28/2018	Revised IRB application submitted to IRB for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision and inclusion of revised documentation related to new organizational study approval. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application. IRB application submitted for review. Application reviewed and returned by IRB for revision. Subsequent period of research and revision of IRB application in preparation for resubmission. Revised IRB application submitted to and approved by committee.
	5/11/2018	IRB approval for study implementation obtained.
	6/07/2018	Preliminary facility contact and scheduling arrangements completed.
	6/14/2018	Provision of overview of study to study site facility director and program staff persons.
	6/14/2018	Study implementation, dates of initial participant enrollment and data collection start date
	0/14/2010	determined in meeting with study site facility director.
	7/11/2018	Planned study participant enrollment and data collection start date.
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# BASS Medical Group - Neurology BCCERTVY AUG 31 20 AUG 31 20 - Electroencephalography - Electromyography - Clinical Research - Electroencephalography - Electromyography - Clinical Research Dept Phone: Dept Fax: 8/27/2018 Patient:

Date of Birth: Date of Visit: 8/27/2018

To the California Board of Psychology,

This letter is to confirm that the period of his illness from mid-September, 2017 to the time of his death on November 6, 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

