

March 1991 surrender of that license. In lieu of further proceedings to deny his application for DEA registration, on April 1, 1997, Dr. Triftshauser entered into a Memorandum of Agreement with DEA, in which he agreed to several terms and conditions. Among the terms agreed upon by the parties was the limiting of Dr. Triftshauser's registration to Schedules IV and V. Accordingly, on April 17, 1997, Dr. Triftshauser was issued DEA Certificate of Registration, BT5294866, as a practitioner, authorized to handle controlled substances in Schedules IV and V. That registration remains valid through November 30, 2002.

In November 1998, Dr. Triftshauser underwent a random urine screen. The screen came back positive for Librium (chloridiazepoxide), a Schedule IV controlled substance. As a result of your positive drug screen, Dr. Triftshauser was referred by CPH for evaluation of further drug treatment and increased urine monitoring.

Following Dr. Triftshauser's second stint of drug evaluation and treatment, he was referred to a Medina, New York, physician, who agreed to employ him in his practice and act as his program monitor. In or around 2001, an investigation by the New York State Department of Health, State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, (the Board) revealed that between September 2000 and February 2001, Dr. Triftshauser falsified seven prescriptions for Lortab, a Schedule III controlled substance, and later presented them to be filled at several pharmacies. Specifically, Dr. Triftshauser falsely represented that the above prescriptions were issued to him by his employing physician.

On February 21, 2001, Dr. Triftshauser was arrested in Genesee County, New York, and charged with criminal possession of a forged instrument (prescription). Following his pre-trial release from prison, he was arrested on March 29, 2001, by the Medina New York Police Department and charged with forgery of a controlled substance. He was subsequently indicted on two counts of criminal possession of a forged instrument, two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance, and two counts of falsifying business records. On February 8, 2002, in the Orleans County District Court State of New York, Dr. Triftshauser entered a guilty plea to one count of criminal possession of a forged instrument. He was sentenced to imprisonment of between two and seven years and assessed a fine of \$5,000. Therefore, he has been convicted of a

felony related to controlled substances. 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(2).

On July 20, 2001, the Board issued a Final Order revoking Dr. Triftshauser's license to practice medicine. His medical license has not been reinstated. Therefore, he is not currently authorized to handle controlled substances in the State of New York. 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3).

DEA does not have statutory authority under the Controlled Substances Act to issue or maintain a registration if the applicant or registrant is without state authority to handle controlled substances in the state in which he conducts business. See 21 U.S.C. 802(21), 823(f) and 824(a)(3). This prerequisite has been consistently upheld. See *Muttaiya Darmarajeh, M.D.*, 66 FR 52936 (2001); *Dominick A. Ricci, M.D.*, 58 FR 51104 (1993); *Bobby Watts, M.D.*, 53 FR 11919 (1988).

Here, it is clear that Dr. Triftshauser is not licensed to handle controlled substances in the State of New York, where he is registered with DEA. Therefore, he is not entitled a DEA registration in that state. Moreover, Dr. Triftshauser has been convicted of a felony relating to controlled substances and has otherwise committed such acts as would render his registration inconsistent with the public interest.

Accordingly, the Deputy Administration of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that DEA Certificate of Registration BT5294866, issued to Clark G. Triftshauser, M.D., be, and it hereby is, revoked. The Deputy Administrator further orders that any pending applications for renewal of such registration be, and they hereby are, denied. This order is effective December 30, 2002.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

**John B. Brown, III,**

*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### **Johnnie Melvin Turner, M.D.;** **Revocation of Registration**

On June 18, 2001, the Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), issued an Order to Show Cause to Johnnie Melvin Turner, M.D. (Dr. Turner) of Chicago Illinois, notifying him of an opportunity to show cause as to why DEA should

not revoke his DEA Certificate of Registration, BT5794866 under 21 U.S.C. 824(a), and deny any pending applications for renewal or modification of that registration. As a basis for revocation, the Order to Show Cause alleged that Dr. Turner is subject to a ten year exclusion from participation in Medicare. The order also notified Dr. Turner that should no request for a hearing be filed within 30 days, his hearing right would be deemed waived.

The Order to Show Cause was sent by certified mail to Dr. Turner at his work address in Chicago, Illinois. The letter was returned unclaimed. A second Order to Show Cause was sent on October 17, 2001, by certified mail, to another address where Dr. Turner was purportedly working. Again, the letter was again returned unclaimed, and DEA has been unable to determine Dr. Turner's current whereabouts. DEA has not received a request for hearing or any other reply from Dr. Turner or anyone purporting to represent him in this matter. Therefore, the Deputy Administrator, finding that (1) 30 days have passed since the receipt of the Order to Show Cause, and (2) no request for a hearing having been received, concludes that Dr. Turner is deemed to have waived his hearing right. After considering material from the investigative file in this matter, the Deputy Administrator now enters his final order without a hearing pursuant to 21 CFR 1301.43(d) and (e) and 1301.46.

The Deputy Administrator finds that Dr. Turner currently possesses DEA Certificate of Registration BT5794866. That registration expired on November 2000, but the Deputy Administrator hereby extends the registration for purposes of this revocation proceeding. 21 CFR 1301.37(i). The Deputy Administrator further finds that from January 6, 1992 to April 1994, Dr. Turner, along with two other individuals, submitted numerous fraudulent claims in excess of \$100,000 to the Illinois Medicare-Part B Program, by billing for services that were not rendered, and as a result, Dr. Turner obtained fees that he was not entitled to.

As a result of Dr. Turner's fraudulent activity, in September 1998, he was indicted in the United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois (Eastern Division) on eleven felony counts related to his improper billing practices. On October 20, 1998, he entered a guilty plea to one felony count of mail fraud. On May 11, 1999, he was sentenced five years probation and ordered to pay restitution of \$106,132 to the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

As a result of Dr. Turner's conviction, on August 31, 1999, he was notified by the Department of Health and Human Services of his ten-year mandatory exclusion from participation in the Medicare program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7(a). Effective September 17, 1999, the Illinois Department of Public Aid terminated him from that State's Medical Assistance Program. Exclusion from Medicare is an independent ground for revoking a DEA registration. 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(5).

Accordingly, the Deputy Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, pursuant to the authority vested in him by 21 U.S.C. 823 and 824 and 28 CFR 0.100(b) and 0.104, hereby orders that DEA Certificate of Registration BT5794866, issued to Johnnie Melvin Turner, M.D., be, and it hereby is, revoked. The Deputy Administrator further orders that any pending applications for renewal of such registration be, and they hereby are, denied. This order is effective December 30, 2002.

Dated: November 12, 2002.

**John B. Brown, III,**

*Deputy Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**ACTION:** 60-Day Notice of Information Collection Under Review; Project Speak Out! Biographical Information/Program Eligibility Questionnaire and Project Speak Out! Initial Interview Form; Forms I-908 and I-909.

The Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service has submitted the following information collection request for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for sixty days until January 28, 2003.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

#### Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a Currently Approved Information Collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Biographical Information/Program Eligibility Questionnaire and Practitioner Fraud Pilot Program Initial Interview Form.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection:* Forms I-908 and I-909. Adjudications Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This information collection will be used by the INS to identify unscrupulous immigration practitioners who intentionally defraud undocumented alien victims.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 5,000 responses at 1 hour response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 5,000 and burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, Immigration and Naturalization Service, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 4034, 425 I Street, NW., Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Robert B. Briggs, Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Information Management and Security Staff, Justice Management Division, 601 D Street, NW., Patrick Henry Building, Suite 1600, Washington, DC 20530.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

**Richard A. Sloan,**

*Department Clearance Officer, United States Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Immigration and Naturalization Service

[INS No. 2240-02]

#### Immigration and Naturalization Service Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

*Committee meeting:* Immigration and Naturalization Service Airport and Seaport Inspections User Fee Federal Advisory Committee.

*Date and time:* Wednesday, February 12, 2003, at 1 p.m.

*Place:* Immigration and Naturalization Service Headquarters, 425 I Street NW, Washington, DC 20536, Shaughnessy Conference Room, Sixth Floor.

*Status:* Open. Twenty-fifth meeting of this Advisory Committee.

*Purpose:* Performance of advisory responsibilities to the Commissioner of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) pursuant to section 286(k) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1356(k) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The responsibility of this standing Advisory Committee is to advise the INS Commissioner on issues related to the performance of Airport and Seaport Immigration Inspection Services. This advice should include, but need not be limited to, the time period which such services should be performed, the proper number and deployment of inspection officers, the level of fees, and the appropriateness of any proposed fee. These responsibilities are related to the assessment of an immigration user fee pursuant to section 286(d) of the INA, as amended, 8 U.S.C. 1356(d). The Advisory Committee focuses its attention on those areas of most concern and benefit to the travel industry, the traveling public, and the Federal Government.