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**CEASE AND DESIST**

Centers for Integrative Medicine and Healing  
191 Nashua St.  
Providence, RI 02904  
Attn: Mr. Tadeusz Sztykowski c/o Brandon Philip Nowak

Re: Centers for Integrative Medicine and Healing – State Licensure Requirements

Dear Mr. Sztykowski,

According to the Rhode Island Department of State website, you, Tadeusz Sztykowski, are the president of Dr. Tadeus Sztykowski, Inc. d/b/a Centers for Integrative Medicine and Healing (“CIMH”), a Domestic Profit Corporation organized and existing under Rhode Island law. According to Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) records, neither you, personally, nor CIMH is licensed by RIDOH.

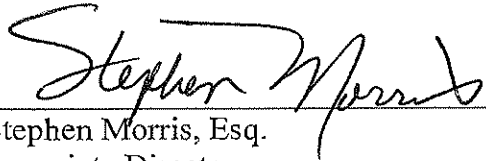
According to its website, [www.cimh.com](http://www.cimh.com), CIMH offers “acupuncture treatments” and is “the nation’s leading oriental medicine, acupuncture and integrative medicine clinic.” Acupuncture, under Rhode Island law, constitutes “health-care services.” R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-4(b) provides, in relevant part, that “[e]ach location at which a health-care facility provides services shall be licensed.” R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-2(8) defines a “health-care facility” as “any institutional provider, facility, or institution, place, building, agency, or portion thereof, whether a partnership or corporation, whether public or private, whether organized for profit or not, used, operated, or engaged in providing health-care services,” but provides that “[t]he term ‘health-care facility’ shall not apply to . . . a practitioner’s (physician, dentist, or other health-care provider) office or group of practitioners’ offices (whether owned and/or operated by a hospital or an affiliate of a hospital or an individual practitioner, alone or as a member of a partnership, professional service corporation, organization, or association.”

Based on the foregoing, CIMH is a health-care facility, providing health-care services, which necessitates that CIMH be licensed by RIDOH. Because CIMH is not organized under Rhode Island law as a professional service corporation, and, because you, personally, are not a licensed practitioner, CIMH is not exempt from licensure. If CIMH wishes to begin the application process for a health-care facility license, it will need to complete and submit to the RIDOH Center for Health Systems Policy and Regulations (“Center”) an “Initial Licensure Application,” which application, with accompanying instructions, is available on the Center’s website at [health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm\\_id=1012](http://health.ri.gov/programs/detail.php?pgm_id=1012).

To avoid further action, including but not limited to penalties set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-17-17, this office must receive a written response from you by Monday, September 9, 2019, with detailed information relative to your plan to apply for licensure.

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**, CIMH shall **CEASE AND DESIST** providing all health-care services until it fully complies with the appropriate facility licensure requirements as mandated by Rhode Island law and regulations. CIMH shall ensure appropriate continuity of care for its patients, including appropriate referral to qualified health-care professionals. CIMH shall ensure patient records are available to patients requiring them for continuity of care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Morris", is written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Morris, Esq.

Associate Director

Division of Customer Service

Rhode Island Department of Health

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cc: Center for Professional Licensing Board and Commissions