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Discipline Hearing Summary

Morteza Amiri-Pour (Toronto, ON)

August 6, 2019

Decision

On August 6, 2019, the Discipline Committee found that Mr. Amiri-Pour, a Registered Massage Therapist (RMT), committed acts of professional misconduct in that he:

1. contravened a Standard of Practice of the profession or a published standard of the College, or failed to maintain the Standard of Practice of the profession;
2. falsified a record relating to his practice;
3. signed or issued, in his professional capacity, a document that he knew contained a false or misleading statement;
4. submitted an account or charge for services that he knew was false or misleading; and
5. engaged in conduct or performed an act relevant to the practice of the profession that, having regard to all the circumstances, would reasonably be regarded by registrants as disgraceful, dishonourable or unprofessional.

Penalty Order and Cost Award

The Discipline Committee's order included the following:

1. Mr. Amiri-Pour is required to appear before a Panel of the Discipline Committee immediately following the hearing of this matter to be reprimanded, with the fact of the reprimand and the text of the reprimand to appear on the public register of the College.
2. The Registrar is directed to suspend Mr. Amiri-Pour's Certificate of Registration for a period of four (4) months, effective immediately.
3. The Registrar is directed to impose the following terms, conditions or limitations on Mr. Amiri-Pour's Certificate of Registration:
 - a. Within six (6) months of August 6, 2019, Mr. Amiri-Pour must provide proof, acceptable to the Registrar, of successful completion of the College's

Professionalism Workshop and the College's Standards and Regulations E-Workshop, which are to be taken at his own expense; and

- b. Within one (1) year after the end of the suspension referred to in paragraph 2 above, Mr. Amiri-Pour must participate in a compliance audit conducted by a College-appointed auditor relating to his billing practices, at his own expense. The cost of the compliance audit shall not exceed \$500.00.
4. Mr. Amiri-Pour is required to pay the College costs in the amount of \$2,000.00 within eight (8) months of August 6, 2019, payable in monthly payments of \$250.00 commencing on August 6, 2019.

The complete Decision and Reasons are available online on the Canadian Legal Information Institute (CanLII) [website](#).

Reprimand Delivered to Mr. Amiri-Pour:

The following reprimand was delivered by a Panel of the Discipline Committee:

Mr. Amiri-Pour, the Panel would like to acknowledge the respect you've shown for the process, and for your presence here today.

The Panel finds your behaviour to be disgraceful, dishonorable and unprofessional. Issuing false receipts is a serious breach of standards that puts the public at risk.

Additionally, actions such as yours undermine the public confidence of this profession and jeopardize the relationship with insurers. The Panel wants to remind you that being a Registered Massage Therapist is a privilege and not a right. It is our expectation that you will learn from this experience and from your ordered course work. When you return to practice, you will re-commit yourself to upholding the standards of this profession.