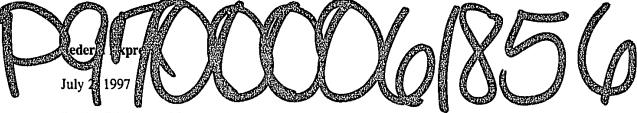
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Re: Renal Associates, P.A.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of articles of incorporation for this proposed corporation, together with a designation of registered agent. Please endorse your approval of the articles of incorporation on the duplicate copy, certify and return it.

A check in the amount of \$122.50 is enclosed in payment of the following:

- 1. \$35.00 filing fee;
- 2. \$52.50 fee for the certified copy of the articles of incorporation; and
- 3. \$35.00 filing fee for the designation of registered agent.

If the enclosures are satisfactory, please see to the filing of the articles. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

William L. Johnson

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July 7, 1997

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SUBJECT: RENAL ASSOCIATES, P.A. Ref. Number: W97000015598

We have received your document for RENAL ASSOCIATES, P.A. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The specific nature of business of the professional association must be stated in the document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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July 15, 1997

Ms. Dana Calloway, Document Specialist Florida Division of Corporations Bureau of Corporate Records 409 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32301

Re: Renal Associates, P.A. Letter No. 897A00035056

Dear Ms. Calloway:

Enclosed are an original and one copy of revised articles of incorporation for this proposed corporation, together with a designation of registered agent. A nature of business article has been added pursuant to your letter of July 7.

If they are satisfactory, please endorse your approval of the articles of incorporation on the duplicate copy, certify and return it. A check in the amount of \$122.50 was enclosed with the earlier filing.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

RENAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.



The undersigned, a natural person competent to contract and a doctor of medicine duly licensed to render services as such under the laws of the state of Florida, hereby presents these articles for the formation of a corporation under the Professional Service Corporation and Limited Liability Company Act, Chapter 621 of the Florida Statutes, and other laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE ONE - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Renal Associates, P.A.

ARTICLE TWO - NATURE OF BUSINESS

The nature of business of the corporation shall be to engage in every aspect of the practice of internal medicine and the speciality of nephrology.

ARTICLE THREE - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be Suite 302, 1201 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

ARTICLE FOUR - CAPITAL STOCK

The number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 7,500 shares having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

ARTICLE FIVE INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation and the name of the initial registered agent at that address are Gerald J. Rizzo, M.D., Suite 302, 1201 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

ARTICLE SIX - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on the date of filing of these articles of incorporation.

ARTICLE SEVEN - INCORPORATOR

The name and address of incorporator to these articles of incorporation are Gerald J. Rizzo, M.D., Suite 302, 1201 Fifth Avenue North, St. Petersburg, FL 33705.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation on July 14° , 1997.

GERALD J. RIZZO, M.D.

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for RENAL Associates, P.A. as stated in the foregoing articles of incorporation, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

GERALD J. RIZZO, M.D.

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