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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of	:	
	:	Administrative Action
MARK P. COHEN, D.D.S.	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
Licensed to Practice Dentistry:	:	
in the State of New Jersey	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "the Board") upon the receipt of a patient complaint from R.M. The complaint alleged that Mark P. Cohen, D.D.S. (hereinafter "respondent") rendered dental treatment to R.M. which did not conform to standard dental practice in the State of New Jersey, necessitating the need for extensive treatment to correct the dental work performed by respondent. On January 22, 1997, respondent appeared with counsel, Pamela Mandel, Esq., at an investigative inquiry held by the Board into the matter.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent failed to design a proper treatment plan and failed to render appropriate treatment. Specifically, respondent splinted restorative crowns on teeth #13, #14, #15, although they did not meet the criteria for splinting. Further, respondent provided

substandard care for tooth #15 in that the restoration failed within months after it was cemented, and caries developed around the margins of the restoration. Additionally, respondent did not keep adequate records on patient R.M. These failures constitute a violation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without any admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 27th DAY OF August 1997,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall reimburse R.M. in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the crowns on teeth #13, #14, and #15. A certified check or money order made payable to R.M.. shall be sent within fourteen days of the entry date of this Order to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

2. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: seven (7) hours in treatment planning and fourteen hours (14) hours in "hands on" crown and bridge. These courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, utilizing the attached Pre-Approval Sheet. The courses must be completed within six months of the entry of this Order. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached

forms are made a part of the within Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 for inadequate record keeping. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Dentistry no later than fourteen days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Agnes Clarke at the address stated in paragraph one of the Order.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$103.73. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Dentistry no later than fourteen days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Agnes Clarke at the address stated in paragraph one of the Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY



Anthony Villane, Jr., D.D.S.
President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.



Mark P. Cohen, D.D.S.