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

IN THE MATTER OF

RALPH SHAROW, D.D.S.
License No. 16103

LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("the Board") upon receipt of a complaint from patient R.D. alleging that Ralph Sharow, D.D.S., ("respondent") provided inaccurate information regarding his participation in the patient's dental insurance plan and had failed to complete dental treatment, specifically a bridge for teeth 18 to 21, because the patient had failed to pay the outstanding balance for the treatment. On July 22, 1998, respondent appeared with counsel, John Paul Dizzia, Esq., at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry and the patient's treatment records, it appears to the Board that respondent did not complete the treatment started on the bridge yet billed the patient for the work. The patient now requires retreatment. Further it appears respondent's record keeping practices were not in compliance with the Board's regulation, N.J.A.C. 13:30-8-7. Specifically, respondent billed the patient and the insurance company for a five unit bridge when his records reflect that the prosthesis was a three

unit bridge with two pontics. Further, review of the patient's x-rays demonstrates that tooth number 22 was not prepared as indicated in the record .

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (b) and (h). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 28th DAY OF October , 1999

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

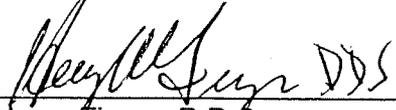
1. Respondent shall reimburse patient R.D. in the amount of \$2,146.70 and shall forgive the outstanding balance of \$1,234.30, reflecting monies paid and owed relating to dental treatment performed on teeth # 18 through 22 which now require retreatment. A certified check or money order made payable to the patient identified in this order as R.D. shall be sent within twenty-one days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Agnes M. Clarke , Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

2 Respondent is hereby assessed civil penalties, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$1,000 for conduct with respect to poor record keeping practices no later than 30 days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment for the civil penalties shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director, at the address described in paragraph #1. Subsequent violations will subject respondent to enhanced penalties pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$ 58.20. 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 no later than twenty-one days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Agnes M. Clarke at the address described in paragraph #1.

4. Failure to remit any payment required by this Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt and may result in additional disciplinary proceedings.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
Henry Finger, D.D.S.
Board President

I have read and understand this
Consent Order and agree
to be bound by its terms. I consent
to the entry of this Order.


Ralph Sharow, D.D.S. D.M.D.

10/8/99
Date