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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OF THE LICENSE OF

GEORGEANN BOULOS-PLUDOWSKI, R.P.

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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: Administrative Action
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: **CONSENT ORDER**
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information that on November 3, 2002 respondent dispensed a chemotherapy drug (methotrexate) instead of the prescribed blood pressure medication (minoxidil). It has been further alleged that when a family member returned the remainder of the medication ten (10) days later, after the patient became seriously ill, respondent failed to inform the family member of the serious nature of the error, failed to advise the family member to take the patient to his physician, and failed to notify the prescribing physician of the emergent situation.

On May 20, 2004 the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy received information that on December 13, 2003, respondent filled a prescription written for 120 Glucophage 500 mg tablets, directions, two tablets to be taken twice daily, with four refills. In filling the prescription the subject entered into the patient's prescription profile, 120 metformin HCL 1000 mg tablets, directions for two tablets

to be taken twice daily. As a result the prescription was refilled by the R.P.-in-charge for a 4000 mg daily dosage of metformin HCL, when the recommended daily dose is 2550 mg. The patient noted the error and called the pharmacy.

It appearing that respondent does not admit to the above described conduct but is desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and all parties having agreed to the terms and entry of the within Order, and for good cause shown,

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 23rd day of July, 2004,

ORDERED and AGREED:

1. That the license of Georgeann Boulos-Pludowski, R.P. to practice pharmacy shall be suspended for five years from the date of entry of this Order. The first three years shall be active and the last two shall be stayed and served as a period of probation.

2. During the active suspension, respondent shall not engage in the practice of pharmacy in the State of New Jersey including but not limited to the following: she shall not be present in the prescription area of any pharmacy; she shall not handle, order, inventory, compound, count, fill, refill or dispense any drug; she shall not engage in the acceptance of any prescription in person or by telephone; she shall not advise or consult with any person concerning the properties and actions of drugs; she shall not handle or dispense prescriptions; she shall not type labels for prescriptions or enter information on profile cards.

3. Respondent shall simultaneously with execution of the within Order surrender her original wall certificate, and her most recent renewal card and her wallet renewal card of her license to an authorized representative of the Board.

4. During the period of active suspension, respondent shall successfully complete the "Pharmsafety.net" self-study modules 1-4 which shall not serve to satisfy any CE credit for her next license renewal.

5. Respondent shall pay costs of \$3,975.00 and \$4,125.00 and a civil penalty of \$5,000.00 to the Board or enter into a payment plan approved by the Board prior to being permitted to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey.

6. The parties agree that this Consent Order contains the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the present subject matter.

7. Respondent shall appear before the Board at the conclusion of the active suspension, at which time the Board will determine what, if any, conditions of licensure will be imposed upon reinstatement.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Pamela Allen
~~Edward G. McGinley~~ PAMELA ALLEN
Board President

I have read the above Order and understand its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order by the State Board of Pharmacy.

Georgeann Boulos-Pludowski R.P.
Georgeann Boulos-Pludowski, R.P.

Consent as to form and entry

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