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

IN THE MATTER OF :
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CRAIG S. DONN, D.D.S. :
License No. 22DI 001251000 :
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

The New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") received information alleging that treatment rendered by Craig S. Donn, D.D.S. ("respondent"), to patients R.A. and E.P. failed to conform to the standard of care for dental practice in this State. Specifically, as to patient R.A., respondent billed a third party payor when the treatment was not completed. Additionally, respondent's records did not contain relevant entries, including periodontal charting, a signed treatment plan, and the suggested referral to a periodontist. As to patient E.P., respondent allegedly repeatedly submitted claims that did not reflect the actual treatment rendered on the stated date, failed to maintain

proper patient records, including retention of radiographs; and failed to adequately treat E.P.'s presenting condition.

On July 16, 2008, respondent appeared with Thomas Paschos, Esq., at an investigative inquiry before the Board. Based on the record created, including respondent's testimony at the inquiry, patient records and charts as maintained by respondent, and respondent's billing ledgers, it appears to the Board that respondent, in his treatment of E.P., failed to develop an appropriate treatment plan given her presenting condition and did not adequately exercise his professional judgment when he acceded to the patient's demands, specifically by repeatedly retreating failing restorations without addressing the patient's dental needs. Additionally, respondent in his testimony, appeared to lack a full understanding of the effects of local anesthesia. Moreover, respondent failed to maintain adequate records with regard to submission to third party payors. Finally, respondent failed to complete the required 40 hours of continuing education credits for the biennial renewal period 2007-2009, having submitted proofs of completion of 38 hours of continuing education.

These facts, if proven, would provide a basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) 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 17th DAY OF November 2010,
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 in the amount of \$3,000, which sum represents \$2,000 for alleged repeated acts of negligence, \$500 for alleged failure to maintain adequate patient records, and \$500 for failure to complete continuing education for licensure renewal for the biennial period of 2007- 2009. Payment of the civil penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101, upon the entry of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall reimburse the patient identified in this order as R.A. the amount of \$464. A certified check or money order made payable to R.A., shall be sent within 21 days upon the entry of this consent order to Jonathan Eisenmenger, Executive Director, at the address in paragraph 1 above.

3. Respondent shall fully attend, successfully complete, and pass an ethics course within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Consent Order. Respondent shall complete the ProBE (Professional Problem Based Ethics) course offered by The Ethics Group, 89 Summit Avenue, Suite 185, Summit, New Jersey 07901, the PRIME (Professional Renewal in Medicine through Ethics) course offered by the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Professions at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 97 Paterson Street, Room 124, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903, or another course of similar content and length pre-approved by the Board. Documentation of full attendance and successful completion of the course shall be provided to the Board.

4. Respondent shall fully attend and successfully complete seven (7) hours of continuing education in record keeping; seven (7) hours of continuing education in diagnosis and treatment planning; seven (7) hours of continuing education in pharmacology (to include local anesthesia); and seven (7) hours of continuing education in an periodontics, within six (6) months following the entry of this Consent Order. Further, these courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall complete the attached continuing education course approval form and shall provide proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached form is made a part of this Consent Order. A separate form shall be used for each course.

5. Within 21 days of the entry of this order, respondent shall:
- a. submit proof of completion of 2 hours of continuing education to be applied toward the deficiency for the 2007-2009 renewal period, and
 - b. submit proof of completion of 40 hours of continuing education for the 2009-2011 biennial renewal period, that is courses taken between November 1, 2007 and October 31, 2009.

The Board specifically reserves its right to take any action it deems appropriate if respondent has failed to complete required continuing education or to maintain proof of completion as required by N.J.A.C. 13:30-5.1(a) and (c) respectively.

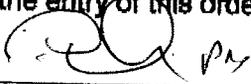
6. Failure to remit any payment required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

7. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By 
John F. Ricciani, D.M.D.
Board President

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


Craig S. Donn, D.D.S.

10/15/10
Date