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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 THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

PETER V. CRAPANZANO, D.D.S.
LICENSE NO. 22DI02117600

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was presented to the State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") by the Attorney General of New Jersey on June 23, 2010, by the filing of a notice of motion to enforce litigant's rights. The motion sought the immediate activation of the stayed portion of the suspension of Peter V. Crapanzano, D.D.S. ("Respondent")'s license pursuant to the Board's January 28, 2010 order.

The Board heard oral argument on the Attorney General's motion on July 7, 2010. During the hearing Respondent did not dispute the Attorney General's allegations but testified in mitigation as to why he violated the Board's order by practicing dentistry with a suspended license.

After considering the mitigating factors, the Board found that Respondent had violated the terms of the January 28, 2010 order. In light of this violation, the Board activated the three year term

of suspension from practice retroactive to February 28, 2010. Thus, Respondent's license to practice dentistry in New Jersey was actively suspended until February 27, 2013. The Board further held that Respondent may not seek a modification of the active suspension until, at least, August 28, 2011.

On July 6, 2010, the Attorney General filed an administrative complaint seeking the revocation or suspension of Respondent's license to practice dentistry in New Jersey. The administrative complaint alleged that Respondent had engaged in multiple violations of the rules and regulations governing the practice of dentistry in New Jersey. These violations included acts of dishonesty and misrepresentation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b); gross and repeated acts of negligence pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d); professional misconduct pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); failure to maintain dental records pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h)(specifically, N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.7); the indiscriminate prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(m); the failure to be of good moral character as required for licensing as a dentist pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:6-3; and/or a violation of the duty to cooperate imposed upon dental licensees pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h). Respondent has not filed an Answer to the charges.

Respondent enters into this Consent Order to resolve the allegations set forth in the administrative complaint filed by the Attorney General on July 6, 2010. The Board has considered the matter, and finds that the entry of this Order will adequately protect the public interest, and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 1st DAY OF December 2010

ORDERED:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry in New Jersey shall be actively suspended for three (3) years effective February 28, 2010. Respondent agrees that he shall not seek a

modification of this period of suspension from practice. No credit for the suspension period shall be given for any period of time during which Respondent engages in the practice of dentistry in any jurisdiction or state.

2. Upon receipt of a filed copy of this Consent Order, Respondent shall immediately return his original New Jersey CDS registration, his original New Jersey dental license and current biennial registration to the Board.

3. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from prescribing or dispensing any medications, including CDS, to any individual, including himself, his family members or his patients and immediately advise the New Jersey Office of Drug Control and the Drug Enforcement Agency of this order. Respondent shall make prompt arrangements with said agencies for the lawful disposal of all CDS in his possession or under his control, and shall arrange for the lawful disposal of all non-CDS medications in his control.

4. Respondent, at his cost and expense, shall undergo an evaluation by the Professional Assistance Program ("PAP") and complete any recommended follow-up treatment. Respondent consents to the disclosure by the PAP of any and all documents including, but not limited to, test results, treatment plans and/or position statements.

5. If Respondent desires to practice dentistry in New Jersey after February 28, 2013, he shall be required to appear before the Board to demonstrate his fitness to practice and/or answer any questions the Board has regarding his return to practice.

6. Prior to any request to return to the practice of dentistry in New Jersey, Respondent, at his own cost and expense, shall take and successfully complete Board approved ethics and

prescribing courses. This course work shall be in addition to any other continuing dental education courses required by Board regulations.

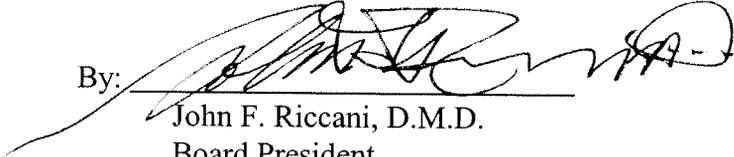
7. The entry of this Order shall not limit the authority of the Attorney General of New Jersey or any other person or agency to initiate any further action permitted by law, whether administrative, civil or criminal, in any court or other forum of competent jurisdiction in connection with any matters coming within that jurisdiction.

8. It is intended by the parties that this Order shall resolve all administrative and license issues with Respondent which were specifically alleged as violations by the Attorney General in the administrative complaint filed July 6, 2010.

9. Respondent shall comply with the "Directives" attached hereto as Exhibit 1 which are incorporated herein by reference.

10. This Order is effective upon entry.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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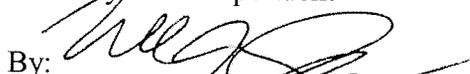
John F. Riccani, D.M.D.
Board President

I have read and understand
the above Consent Order and
I agree to abide by its terms.



Peter V. Crapanzano, D.D.S.

Consented to as to form:
Rudnick, Addonizio & Pappa, P.C.
Attorneys for Respondent

By: 

Michael J. Pappa, Esq.

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY DENTISTRY BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS SUSPENDED, REVOKED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED**

A practitioner whose license is suspended or revoked or whose surrender of license has been accepted by the Board, shall conduct him/herself as follows:

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly deliver to the Board office at 124 Halsey Street, 6th floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, the original license and current biennial registration certificate, and if authorized to prescribe drugs, the current State and Federal Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration. With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board.

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of dentistry in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry. The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee of this Board provides health care services. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by the practice or any other licensee or health care provider. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from all prescription blanks and pads, professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name

is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted.

Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form shall be obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) and filed with that office. If no other licensee is providing services at the practice location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer (if possible), or destroyed or safeguarded. In situations where the licensee has been suspended for a period of less than one year, prescription pads and medications must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice, and shall be required to comply with the requirements to divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional practice pursuant to Board regulations contained in N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.21. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the Board Order. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the New Jersey Department of Treasury, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Patient Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to patient records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her patient record or asks that the record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

A disciplined practitioner whose active suspension of license has been stayed in full or in part, conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring program, shall fully cooperate with the Board or its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a.) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b.) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual or facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by the rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and by providing the designated sample.

6. Reports of Reimbursement

A disciplined practitioner shall promptly report to the Board his/her compliance with each directive requiring monies to be reimbursed to patients to other parties or third party payors or to any Court.

7. Report of Changes of Address

A disciplined practitioner shall notify the Board office in writing within ten (10) days of change of address.

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record thereof, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection upon request.

Pursuant to Public Law 101-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank any adverse action relating to a dentist:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license; or
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation, or restricts the right to apply or renew a license; or
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

In accordance with an agreement with the American Association of Dental Examiners, a report of all disciplinary orders is provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order may appear on the public agenda for the monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board. In addition, the same description may appear on the Internet Website of the Division of Consumer Affairs.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.