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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF : **CONSENT ORDER**

JEFFREY ARON, D.D.S. :
LICENSE NO. 22DI01376200 :

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry ("the Board") upon its receipt of numerous complaints pertaining to the quality of dental and endodontic care provided by Jeffrey Aron, D.D.S. ("Respondent"). The Board also received complaints regarding Respondent's billing for dental work, and the means used for acquiring payment from patients for dental work allegedly performed or to be performed. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-18, the Board initiated an investigation concerning the allegations. Respondent appeared before the Board for an Investigative Inquiry, on July 21, 2010.

On or about August 4, 2010, Respondent Jeffrey Aron, D.D.S., entered into an Interim Consent Order with the State Board of Dentistry. Pursuant to the August 4, 2010 Consent Order ("Order"), Respondent Aron agreed to "cease and desist from the practice of endodontic procedures including root canal therapy". Respondent further agreed that he would "take all steps necessary to insure that patients in his practice or those who come to his practice subsequent to [entry of the order] are referred to other practitioners for the provision of endodontic treatment and/or root canal therapy." Pursuant to a subpoena dated November 12, 2010, Respondent provided his original treatment and billing records for patients R.C., J.L. and A.L. Respondent admitted that he had performed endodontic procedures on them, and provided records showing that he had performed root canals on September 20, 2010; on October 21, 2010; and August 30, 2010. Respondent's conduct in performing root canals after the effective date of the Order constitutes a violation of a Board Order.

The Order also required that Respondent participate in a psychiatric, neuropsychiatric and/or psychological evaluation under the auspices of the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAP"). The PAP reported that as of January 11, 2011, he had not yet made appointments for the directed evaluations. The Consent Order also required that Respondent undergo a skills evaluation within sixty (60) days of the entry date of the Order. Respondent

has failed to provide proof that he has undergone such an evaluation.

The Order required that Respondent produce a certified financial audit of his practice within forty-five (45) days of the order. No such audit was provided. The August 4, 2010 Consent Order required that Respondent "provide a copy of all contracts with DMO's, self insurance plans and/or dental insurance companies to which he is a signatory." To date, Respondent has not provided these documents.

The Order required that within thirty (30) days, Respondent provide a copy of a current inspection certificate for all radiographic equipment and a copy of his current contract for medical waste disposal together with the schedule of pick ups in the past twelve months. Respondent has not provided those documents.

The terms of the Consent Order explicitly stated that proven violations of the Order "shall constitute acts of professional misconduct." Based upon the forgoing, the Attorney General submitted a Motion to Enforce Litigant's Rights seeking to impose discipline on Respondent for acts of professional misconduct in violation of a Board Order. The Board scheduled argument on the Motion for February 2, 2011.

The Board hereby **FINDS** that Respondent's failure to comply with the provisions noted above of the Consent Order have been proven by the documents provided by the Attorney General and the

absence of documents required to be submitted prior to this time.

At this time, in order to avoid further proceedings in this case, Respondent consents and agrees to each and every term of this Consent Order. The Board has determined that the within disposition is adequate to protect the public health, safety and welfare. For such reasons and other good cause shown,

IT IS on this 14th day of February 2011,

ORDERED THAT:

Respondent's conduct, as alleged and admitted, constitutes professional misconduct, in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Accordingly, the Board hereby imposes the following discipline:

1. Respondent's license to practice dentistry is hereby suspended for a period of six months, with an active suspension for a term of not less than forty-five (45) days, and the remainder served as a period of probation. After a two week period, that is by February 16, 2011, for winding down his practice and transferring patients to the care of another dentist, Respondent shall deliver his license and CDS registration to the Board office by overnight mail.

2. Respondent agrees that he will fully and promptly comply with all the terms of the Interim Consent Order, which remains in full effect until further Order of the Board, including completing all evaluations, testing ordered and treatment recommended and providing all documents and information required.

3. Respondent shall be ineligible to have an active license to practice dentistry until such time as:

a. The PAP states in writing that Respondent has fully complied with all of its recommendations;

b. The PAP states in writing that Respondent does not suffer from any impairment such that his practice of dentistry would constitute a substantial risk to the public health, safety and welfare; and

c. Respondent has demonstrated, to the reasonable satisfaction of the Board, and as substantiated by the practice and skills evaluation, that he is fit to practice dentistry.

4. The Board may, as a condition of reissuing a license to Respondent, impose such reasonable conditions, including practice limitations, as are necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

5. The Board and the Attorney General shall have complete access to the results of any evaluation or testing that Respondent may undergo as the result of his participation in the PAP. The Board and Attorney General may communicate directly with the PAP regarding Respondent's participation, and the Board and the Attorney General may specifically request and receive information regarding Respondent's compliance with any recommendation made by the PAP, and evaluating and treating health professionals.

6. Respondent shall be solely responsible for whatever costs are associated with his compliance with this Consent Order, including the costs of participating in the PAP, and the costs of the required evaluations and testing.

7. Respondent shall immediately advise the DEA of this Order.

8. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Order is without prejudice to further investigation and disciplinary action by this Board or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct which gave rise to the Board's investigation.

This order resolves only the issue of Respondent's violation of the Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: Hubert B. Delucchi, D.D.S.

Acting Board President

I have read and understood the
within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its contents.

Jeffrey Aron, D.D.S.

Stephen Schechner, Esq.

Dated: January ____, 2011

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Dated: January __, 2011