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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 OR
REVOCATION OF THE REGISTRATION OF

Venkata Thottempudi
License No.: 28RW01125100

CONSENT ORDER
OF
REVOCATION

TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY TECHNICIAN:
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) upon receipt of information that Venkata Thottempudi, pharmacy technician, (“Respondent”) was arrested on December 21, 2011 and charged with health care claims fraud in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3A, willfully obtaining undeserved medical benefits in violation of N.J.S.A. 30:4D-17, and conspiracy to commit health care claims fraud in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2A and N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.3A. Specifically, while sole pharmacy permit holder and a pharmacy technician at One Stop Pharmacy, Respondent purchased prescriptions from Medicaid beneficiaries and then billed Medicaid for medications that were never dispensed to the Medicaid beneficiaries. On or about July 30, 2012 Respondent pled guilty and was

convicted of willfully obtaining undeserved medical benefits in violation of N.J.S.A. 30:4D-17. On or about September 14th, 2012 Respondent was sentenced to two years probation, ordered to pay \$400,000 in restitution and ordered to give up his pharmacy technician registration for three years. Board records reflect that Respondent does not currently hold a permit to operate a pharmacy in New Jersey.

The Board finds that the above criminal conviction in the Superior Court of New Jersey provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (f), in that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting crimes of moral turpitude and crimes which relate adversely to the practice of a pharmacy technician.

The parties, having agreed to the resolution of this matter without further formal proceedings, and respondent having agreed and given his voluntary consent to the within Order and waiving any right to a hearing in this matter, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, therefore on this 13th **day of** FEBRUARY, 2013

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey is hereby revoked with prejudice. Respondent shall not hereafter apply for reinstatement of his registration.
2. Respondent shall refrain from practicing as a pharmacy technician and shall not represent himself as a licensed pharmacy technician until such time as his registration is reinstated. Any practice in this State prior to such reinstatement shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. For the purposes of this Order, practice as a pharmacy technician includes, but is not limited to

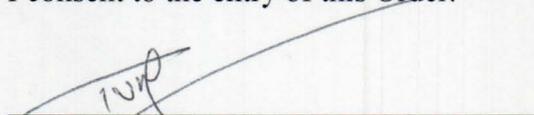
the following: respondent shall not retrieve prescription files or patient files; shall not prepare medication labels; shall not engage in data entry for any pharmacy, shall not count, weigh, measure, pour or compound prescription medication or stock prescription legend drugs or controlled substances; shall not fill an automated medication system; shall not accept authorization for a prescription refill or renewal; shall not handle anything requiring a prescription, including devices and medications; respondent shall not handle prescriptions; and shall not be present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall not hereafter own in whole or part nor have any ownership interest whatsoever in any pharmacy in the State of New Jersey, and shall divest himself of any present ownership interest in any pharmacy in the State of New Jersey within 90 days of the date this Order is filed.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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