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NEW JERSEY BOARD OF  
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

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

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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF  
  
RENE J. GARCIA, D.C.  
License No. 38MC00630000  
  
TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the parties wishing to resolve this matter without further formal proceedings, hereby stipulate to the following facts and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Rene J. Garcia, D.C., is a chiropractic physician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On April 24, 2012, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Union County, Respondent pleaded guilty to and was convicted of possession of a controlled dangerous substance (heroin) with intent to distribute, a Third Degree offense.

3. On May 15, 2012, Respondent was sentenced to five (5) years of special probation (drug court), conditioned on entering a long term residential drug treatment facility, a penalty of \$1,000.00 and a six (6) month loss of driver's license.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The aforesaid findings of fact provide grounds for the suspension or revocation of Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(e) and (f), in that Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct as determined by the Board, and has been convicted of a crime which relates adversely to the practice of chiropractic.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey shall be, and hereby is, suspended immediately for a minimum of two (2) years pending a full assessment of his fitness and competency to practice and his progress in recovery from chemical dependency by the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAPNJ") and further order of the Board.

2. Respondent agrees to abide by the recommendations of the PAPNJ, which shall be set forth in a report of its assessment. Respondent agrees to follow the recommendations of the PAPNJ and to the release of said report to the Board, and waives his right of confidentiality therein for that purpose and for use of the report in any license proceeding. Respondent agrees to enter into a further consent order with the Board embodying the recommendations of PAPNJ as a condition(s) of his licensure. Respondent shall be solely responsible for the payment of all costs associated with the aforesaid assessment performed by PAPNJ.

3. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his violations of N.J.S.A 45:1-21(e) and (f).

4. Prior to resuming active practice in New Jersey, Respondent shall be required to appear before the Board (or a committee thereof) to demonstrate his fitness to do so; and any practice in this State prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for a charge of unlicensed practice. In addition, the Board reserves the right to place restrictions upon Respondent's practice should his license be reinstated to active status.

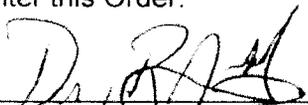
5. The Directives of the Board applicable to any Chiropractic Board licensee who is suspended, revoked or whose surrender of licensure has been accepted are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein, whether or not they are attached hereto.

7. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF  
CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

BY   
Albert Stable, Jr., D.C.  
Board President

I have read and understand the  
within Consent Order and agree  
to be bound by its terms. Consent  
is hereby given to the Board to  
enter this Order.

  
René J. Garcia, D.C.