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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 : Administrative Action
APPLICATION OF :
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 : CONSENT ORDER
 Alfredo B. Balleras, Jr. R.P. : OF REINSTATEMENT
 License No.28RI02409500 :
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 FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE:
 TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE :
 STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("The Board") upon receipt of Respondent Alfredo Balleras' application for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy in this State. Respondent previously entered into a Consent Order of suspension of license with the Board on December 9, 2010 after admitting he filled faxed prescriptions for CDS without verifying the source or validity of the prescriptions and he unlawfully shipped drugs to States that required in-state registration which he did not possess. Pursuant to the 2010 Order, Respondent's license was suspended for four years retroactive to and effective

October 1, 2010. After successful completion of two years of active suspension, Respondent was permitted to petition the Board to convert the remaining two year period of suspension to be stayed and served as a term of probation.

In support of his petition for reinstatement of license, Respondent submitted a personal narrative together with documentation of successful completion of the Multi-state Jurisprudence Exam, the ProBe ethics course and all required continuing education courses. Board records reflect that he paid the \$15,000 monetary penalty in full. Respondent has complied fully with all the terms of the 2010 Consent Order and appears to have sincerely reflected on his behavior and resolved to embrace a more ethical professional standard. In his own words, "time away from the field allowed me to re-examine the decisions that I made and learned how to apply ethical standards to future decisions."

On or about July 20, 2011, Respondent's name was added to the Federal OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) and to the New Jersey Debarment List which disqualifies Respondent from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and all other Federal and State funded health care programs.

The Board finding that Respondent has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation, fitness and ability to practice pharmacy, and has complied with the conditions set forth in the Consent Order of December 9, 2010; and the Board having determined that this Order

is sufficiently protective of the health, safety and welfare of the public, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 21st day of MARCH, 2013,
ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated and placed on probation through October 1, 2014.

a. During the period of probation, Respondent shall not act as a preceptor or pharmacist-in-charge (RPIC) at any pharmacy, and shall not own or have an ownership interest in any pharmacy.

2. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to all employers where a pharmacy license is required for employment or where the Respondent has access to medication, prescriptions or patient profiles. Respondent shall ensure that each employer notifies the Board in writing that he or she has received this Order and is aware of his Federal and State exclusion/debarment status prior to Respondent beginning employment. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any employment changes, including periods of unemployment, and shall also provide a detailed description of each job, his role and responsibilities. Respondent may petition the Board to remove this requirement upon submission of written documentation that he is no longer on the Federal OIG exclusion list and New Jersey State debarment list.

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

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley
Edward G. McGinley, R.P.,
President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order by the New Jersey Board Of Pharmacy:

Alfredo Balleras, R.P. Date

Consent as to form and entry:

Pamela Mandel, Esq. Date
Attorney for Alfredo Balleras, R.P.

