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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF : Administrative Action
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JACK F. ALTOMONTE, D.M.D. : CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
License No. 22DI01519400 : UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
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LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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Jack F. Altomonte, D.M.D. ("Dr. Altomonte" or "Respondent") requested the State Board of Dentistry (Board) to vacate his consent order filed May 4, 2011 and issue him an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey. Beginning November 2008, Respondent was enrolled in the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey (PAP) for Physiologic Opiate Dependence secondary to chronic back pain with disc disease, from a motor vehicle accident, which required medication. By December 2009, his pain issues had been resolved with opiate medication and his PAP case was closed.

Dr. Altomonte re-enrolled in the PAP in July 2010 to rule out alcohol dependence after he was arrested for a DUI in June 2010. A

signed Consent Order was filed on May 4, 2011, ordering that respondent's license be suspended for a six (6) month period, entirely stayed and be served as probation. Additionally, Respondent is required to continue his participation with PAP, to abstain from the use of all psychoactive substances, to provide the Board with any or all releases, and the PAP is to submit quarterly reports regarding respondent's progress.

On November 20, 2013, respondent appeared before the Board, with his attorney Pamela Mandel, Esq. and Edward Reading, Ph.D., of the PAP, requesting that all restrictions on his license be removed. Respondent testified that when he was arrested on June 13, 2010, he was going through a very stressful period in his life and had turned to alcohol and drugs to try to ease the pain.

In support of his application for an unrestricted license, respondent testified that following rehabilitative efforts he has gained tremendous insights and demonstrated continued sobriety. Respondent testified that he would still continue attending meetings, because he believes it is an invaluable resource to his recovery. Dr. Reading also testified that Dr. Altomonte has been compliant with the Board's order and his recovery is consistent with holding an unrestricted license. A letter dated November 20, 2013, from PAP stated its opinion that respondent is not impaired and has demonstrated his ability to practice dentistry with the

requisite skill and ability and PAP supported the issuance of an unrestricted license for Respondent to practice dentistry.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent and Dr. Reading at the investigative inquiry, and the PAP's letter, it appears to the Board that Respondent has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation, fitness and ability to practice dentistry without restrictions. The Board is satisfied that Dr. Altomonte has complied with the prior consent order, fulfilled all recovery program requirements, participated appropriately in urine testing, and appears to have been in stable recovery for more than 2 years.

The Board having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare,

IT IS ON THIS 17th DAY OF December, 2013,
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Jack F. Altomonte, D.M.D., is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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