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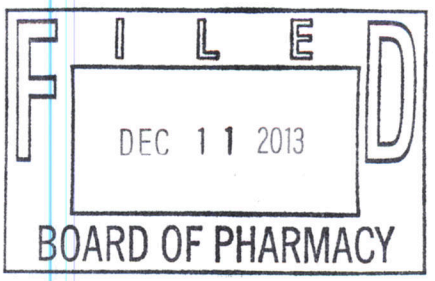

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF **Alfredo Balleras, R.Ph.** **License No. 28RI02409500** TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **AMENDED CONSENT ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**

This matter was first opened to the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") upon receipt of Respondent Alfredo Balleras' petition for removal of an employment restriction from his license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey. Mr. Balleras originally entered into a Consent Order of Suspension of his 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 that he unlawfully shipped drugs to states requiring in-state

registration which he did not possess. Pursuant to the 2010 Order, Mr. Balleras' license was suspended for four years retroactive to and effective on October 1, 2010.

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

After successful completion of two years of suspension, Mr. Balleras petitioned the Board to convert the remaining two years to a period of stayed suspension to be served as probation. This request was granted, and on March 21, 2013, a Consent Order was filed, reinstating his license with certain restrictions. Specifically, the Order contained the following requirement:

> 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 files. 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 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.

On September 23, 2013, Mr. Balleras provided the Board with documentation that he had been removed from the Federal OIG list as of July 17, 2013. Additionally, he provided documentation that on September 13, 2013, he was reinstated to participate in New Jersey State funded programs. As a result, he is seeking an amendment to the previous Consent Order to remove this particular restriction from his license.

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

IT IS ON THIS 11th **DAY OF** December**, 2013**

ORDERED:

1. The license of Alfredo Balleras, R.Ph. to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey shall continue on probationary status through October 1, 2014.
2. All of the terms of the Consent Order filed on December 9, 2010, attached hereto, are incorporated as if fully set forth herein and remain in effect, except that Respondent is no longer barred from participating in Federal or State funded programs.

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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