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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :
: Administrative Action
Anthony Cerone, D.O :
License No.: 25MB03810800 : ORDER OF UNRESTRICTED LICENSE
:
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY:
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was presented to the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") upon an application by Anthony Cerone, D.O. for an unrestricted license.

By way of background, Dr. Cerone entered into a Consent Order on July 1, 2009 which suspended his license for two years, a minimum of the first six months to be served as an active suspension, based upon a Medical Practitioner Review Panel investigation of Dr. Cerone's conduct. The investigation was commenced upon receipt of notification from Kennedy Memorial Hospital that conditions and limitations were placed upon Dr.

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Cerone's continued practice, including mandatory chaperoning and practice monitoring requirements. The 2009 Order additionally imposed upon Dr. Cerone a \$20,000 civil penalty and a requirement that he undergo a psychosexual evaluation. On September 28, 2010, Dr. Cerone entered into a Consent Order authorizing resumption of practice with conditions, including a probationary period from the entry of the Order through June 30, 2011, the requirement of a Board approved, female chaperone for the examination and treatment of all female patients, and continued treatment with a Board approved psychiatrist and a Board approved therapist, both to provide semi-annual reports to the Board.

Dr. Cerone appeared *pro se* before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee on August 7, 2013, and testified regarding his employment since the entry of the 2010 Order, as well as his compliance with the terms of that Order. Although Dr. Cerone had unilaterally terminated therapy with the Board approved therapist in violation of the 2010 Order, the Committee subsequently received and considered follow up reports from both Dr. Cerone's therapist and psychiatrist, both endorsing his ability to safely practice medicine with an unrestricted license. Dr. Cerone also discussed his activity since the entry of the 2010 Order, during which time he has been engaged solely in the practice of administrative medicine, performing quality of care evaluations for various independent medical review organizations. Dr. Cerone has been

unable to obtain full time employment based upon his restricted license.

In granting Dr. Cerone's application for an unrestricted license, the Preliminary Evaluation Committee considered Dr. Cerone's intention and agreement not to practice clinical medicine, and his commitment to continue the practice of administrative medicine. The Board having been satisfied with recommendations by both Dr. Cerone's psychiatrist and therapist as to his ability to safely practice medicine with an unrestricted license, and with his candor and voluntary commitment not to resume the practice of clinical medicine, and finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS ON THIS 22 DAY OF September, 2014

ORDERED:

1. All conditions or restrictions imposed upon Dr. Cerone's license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey by Order of July 9, 2009 and September 28, 2010 are hereby removed and he is licensed without restriction or encumbrance.
2. Prior to engaging in any clinical practice, Dr. Cerone shall appear before the Board and follow any recommendations of the Board, and/or comply with any restrictions or conditions which the Board reserves the right to impose upon his clinical practice.

3. Dr. Cerone consents to the entry of an Order of Automatic Suspension of license upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that Dr. Cerone has engaged in the practice of clinical medicine prior to appearing before the Board. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on five (5) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that the information relied upon by the Board was false.

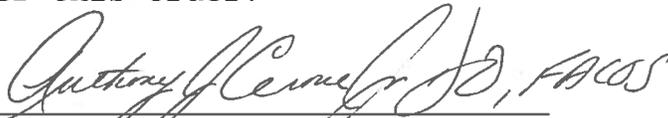
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By: _____

Stewart Berkowitz, M.D.
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.



Anthony Cerone, M.D.

Dated: _____

9/17/2014