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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF ANDREW STOVEKEN, H.A.D. LICENSE NO. 25MG0040100 TO DISPENSE HEARING AIDS IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **CONSENT ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION**

This matter was initially opened to the New Jersey State Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee (the "Committee") following the receipt of information that Andrew Stoveken, H.A.D., (the "Respondent") Hearing Aid Dispenser License No. 25MG0040100, had on or about April 15, 2005, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Division of Criminal Justice which required him to pay restitution and fines and disqualified him as a provider from all programs administered by the New Jersey Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services as a result of health care claims fraud. On June 6, 2005, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Committee for Surrender of Licensure to be Deemed a

Revocation based on his fraudulent conduct. On or about July 2005, Respondent was sentenced to one year of probation for Health Care Claims Fraud.

On or about July 7, 2008, Respondent petitioned the Committee for a conditional reinstatement of his license. On November 7, 2008, the Committee filed a Consent Order of Reinstatement of License with Restrictions. Pursuant to the Consent Order, Respondent was allowed to work only under the direct supervision of George Beecher, M.D.

On or about December 18, 2015, this matter was again opened to the Committee upon receipt of information that Respondent, as well as Dr. Beecher, was arrested on December 16, 2015 and charged with distribution of Schedule II Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5(b)(4) and Conspiracy to Commit Distribution of a CDS in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2(a)(1). The alleged professional misconduct provides the basis for Committee action under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further proceedings, and it appearing that Respondent has read the terms of the within Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by same and has availed himself of the advice of counsel, and the Committee finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and

welfare; and it appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order;

IT IS, therefore, on this 25 **day of** January **, 2016,**

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1) Respondent, Andrew Stoveken, H.A.D., License No. 25MG0040100, is hereby granted leave to, and shall, immediately surrender to the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee his New Jersey license to dispense hearing aids. Such surrender will be deemed a temporary suspension of his license pending the disposition of the criminal charges and until further order of the Committee.

2) Respondent shall immediately return his original wall certificate, and the most recent renewal card of his license, to Renee Clark, Executive Director of the Hearing Aid Dispensers Examining Committee at 124 Halsey Street, 6th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

3) The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Order is without prejudice to the filing of an Administrative Complaint and/or further investigation and/or action by this Committee, the Drug Control Unit, the Director of Consumer Affairs or other law enforcement entities resulting from Respondent's conduct.

4) The parties further stipulate that the entry of this Order is without admission of any wrongdoing by Respondent.

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By: _____
Jennifer Schaal, AuD, Committee President

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

_____ Dated: 1-25-16
Andrew Stoveken, H.A.D.

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry of this Order.

_____ Dated: 1/25/16
By Steven D. Altman, Esq.
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Attorney for Respondent
Andrew Stoveken, H.A.D.