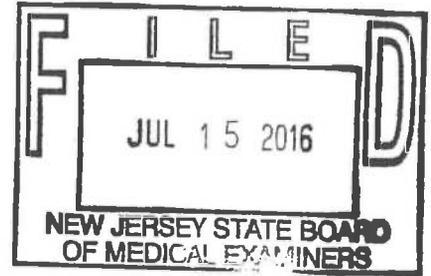


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
 DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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 STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :	:	
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<b>Mitchell Richman, M.D.</b>	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
License No. 25MA04263900	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER GRANTING
	:	RESTRICTED LICENSE
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE :	:	
<u>IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</u> :	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a request from Respondent Mitchell Richman, M.D. seeking reinstatement of his New Jersey medical license. A Final Consent Order was entered by the Board on April 20, 2010, following the filing of a seven-count Complaint alleging that in his care of fifteen patients, Dr. Richman indiscriminately prescribed CDS, engaged in acts of gross negligence and/or repeated acts of negligence in his medical and psychiatric treatment of patients, improperly and inadequately documented his treatment plans and basis for treatment decisions, and exhibited poor medical judgment and knowledge.

The 2010 Consent Order suspended Dr. Richman's license for four years (two years to be served as an active suspension and the remainder to be served as a period of probation). The

Consent Order required Dr. Richman to: 1) pay penalties and costs in the aggregate amount of \$80,000.00; 2) take and complete a professional boundaries course and medical record keeping course; 3) undergo a psychiatric and neuropsychological assessment from Board-approved practitioners; and 4) to appear before the Board or a committee thereof to demonstrate compliance with all terms in the Consent Order and fitness to practice prior to the termination of the period of active license suspension. As a condition of reinstatement of a license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey, Respondent agreed not to prescribe controlled substances and not to serve as a treating physician for patients with psychiatric illnesses.

Dr. Richman appeared with counsel before a Committee of the Board on December 2, 2015 in support of his application for reinstatement. He provided documentation showing his compliance with all requirements of the Consent Order including certificates of completion from the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (professional boundaries) and a Medical Record Keeping Course. Dr. Richman provided a report from his treating psychologist, Gerald Surette, Ph.D., indicating that Dr. Richman is “fully ready to move on and be discharged” from the professional counseling phase of the PAP’s requirements. Dr. Richman also submitted a report from Laurie Deerfield, D.O., Psy.D. who indicated she is in “full support” of Dr. Richman’s reinstatement with “appropriate supports” and who notes “Dr. Richman has evidenced significant growth as a byproduct of this experience.”

Dr. Richman testified that he is remorseful for his actions, and the experience of losing his license and undergoing therapy has taught him to self-reflect, understand his depression and the outside pressures of running a private medical practice. During the period of his license suspension, Dr. Richman was employed as Director of Quality and Electronic Health Records, Compliance Officer and Chief Operating Officer at various medical facilities. The Board is

convinced that Dr. Richman has maintained currency in the medical field through his medically related work and his completion of a substantial number of continuing education credits.

Dr. Richman consenting and agreeing to every term of this Consent Order and waiving any right he may have to a hearing and the Board finding that Dr. Richman has been fully compliant with the 2010 Consent Order and appears to understand the egregiousness of his conduct and having taken clear steps toward rehabilitation, and the Board finding the within disposition is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of JULY, 2016,

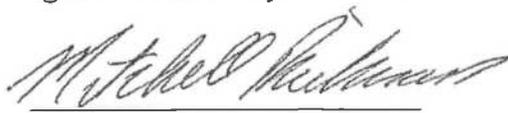
**ORDERED that:**

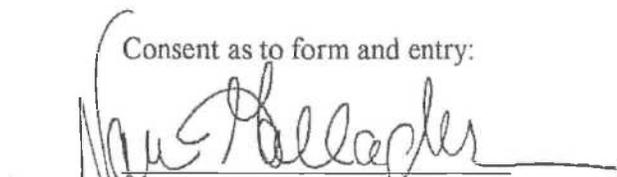
1. Respondent's license shall be reinstated upon completion of all reinstatement requirements.
2. Respondent shall not prescribe, dispense or administer controlled substances.
3. Respondent shall not serve as the treating physician for patients with psychiatric illnesses. Any patients requiring such treatment must be referred to other providers and/or specialists.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
George J. Scott, D.O. F.A.C.O.F.P.  
President

I have read and understand  
the within Consent Order and  
agree to be bound by its terms.

  
Mitchell Richman, M.D.

Consent as to form and entry:  
  
Nan Gallagher, Esq.  
Attorney for Mitchell Richman, M.D.