

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS BRANCH**

In re: Christine DiRienzo, Aud.

Petition No. 2009-20091378

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Christine DiRienzo of South Windsor, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 000457 to practice audiology by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 399 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department issued respondent license number 000350 to practice as a hearing instrument specialist. Said licensed lapsed due to non-renewal on February 29, 2008.

WHEREAS, the Department alleges:

1. At all times mentioned, respondent sold hearing aids at Advanced Hearing Health Care in Windsor, Connecticut.
2. From approximately August 4, 2008 through October 2008, respondent failed to maintain adequate patient records for patient #1.
3. The above facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes §20-414, including, but not limited to §20-414 a (2), (3), and (6).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Commissioner of Public Health (hereinafter "the Commission"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-10 and 19a-14 and 20-414.

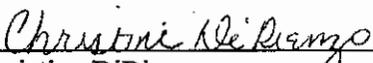
WHEREAS, respondent successfully completed coursework in recordkeeping and documentation standards.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-14 and 19a-17 and 20-414, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives her right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
3. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to her licensure.
4. This Consent Order is effective when executed by the last signatory.
5. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order is a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Commission in which her compliance with this Consent Order or with Connecticut General Statutes §20-414, as amended, is at issue.

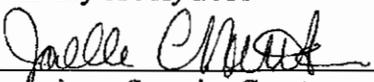
6. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent understands that this Consent Order is not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Chapters 54 or 368a, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that she may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
7. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
8. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Healthcare Systems Branch to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Commission. Respondent understands that the Commission has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
9. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
10. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.
11. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof.

I, Christine DiRienzo, Aud., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



Christine DiRienzo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of July 2011.



Commissioner Superior Court

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 21st day of July 2011 it is hereby ordered and accepted.



Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
Healthcare Systems Branch