

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

In Re: John Lignore, PA

Petition No. 2009-0618-023-005

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, John Lignore (hereinafter "respondent") of Shelton, Connecticut has been issued license number 001334 to practice as a physician's assistant by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. Respondent prescribed Adderall for another practitioner, T.R., and failed to maintain appropriate medical records for the patient and did not have his supervising physician's name on prescription forms.

WHEREAS, the above described allegations constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-12f.

WHEREAS, the respondent has surrendered his federal Drug Enforcement Agency and Connecticut Controlled Substances registrations.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above allegations at a hearing in front of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"). Respondent further agrees that this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §19a-17 and §20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to his profession.
3. Respondent's license number 001334 to practice as a physician's assistant in the State of Connecticut is hereby placed on probation for one year, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - A. Respondent shall attend and successfully complete continuing education in prescribing practice and documentation standards, pre-approved by the Department. Within two weeks of the completion of such coursework, respondent shall provide the Department with proof, to the Department's satisfaction, of the successful completion of such course(s).
 - B. Respondent shall be responsible for the provision of written reports directly to the Board and the Department from his physician supervisor quarterly for the duration of the probation. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to any and all employers if employed as a physician's assistant during the probationary period. The Board and the Department shall be notified in writing by any employer(s) within fifteen (15) days of the commencement of employment as to the receipt of a copy of this Consent Order. Employer reports shall include documentation of respondent's ability to safely and competently practice being a physician's assistant, and shall be issued to the Board and the Department at the address cited in paragraph 3F below.

- C. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department in writing of any change of employment within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- D. Respondent shall notify the Board and the Department of any change in his home or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
- E. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- F. All correspondence and reports shall be addressed to:

Bonnie Pinkerton
Department of Public Health
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

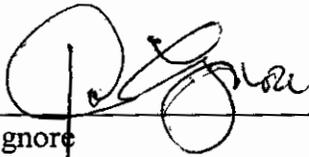
- 4. Respondent shall not prescribe for self, friends and/or family members.
- 5. Any violation of the terms of this Consent Order without prior written approval by the Board shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek revocation of respondent's license following notice and an opportunity to be heard.
- 6. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Board shall not be a waiver or preclude the Board's right to take action at a later time. The Board shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
- 7. Legal notice of any action shall be deemed sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Systems Branch of the Department.
- 8. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the month in which this Consent Order is approved and accepted by the Board.
- 9. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a matter of public record.

10. Respondent agrees that this Consent Order shall be deemed a public document, and the Department's allegations as contained in this Consent Order shall be deemed true in any subsequent proceeding before the Board in which (1) his compliance with this Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with §20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank
11. In the event respondent violates a term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a physician's assistant, upon request by the Department, with notice to the Board, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45-day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall be considered by the Board and shall be given due weight by the Board in determining whether respondent's conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c). The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether a summary suspension is ordered.
12. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license before the Board.
13. 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. Further, this Consent Order is not

subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 and 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that respondent may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.

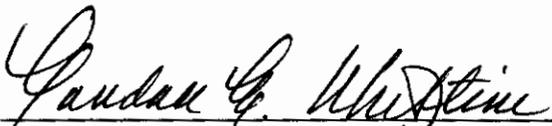
14. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. The Department and respondent understand that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
15. 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.
16. Respondent has had the opportunity to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
17. 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.
18. 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, John Lignore, have read the above Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



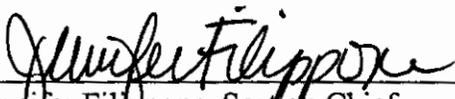
John Lignore

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of JANUARY, 2010.



Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
My Commission Expires April 30, 2009

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 11th day of February, 2010, it is hereby accepted.



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

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the 10 day of March, 2010, it is hereby ordered and accepted.

BY: 

Connecticut Medical Examining Board



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

April 7, 2011

John Lignore, PA
33 Hubbell Lane
Shelton, CT 06484

Re: Consent Order
Petition No. 2009-0618-023-005
License No. 001334

Dear Mr. Lignore:

Please accept this letter as notice that you have satisfied the terms of your license probation, effective April 1, 2011.

Please note that pursuant to paragraph 4 of the Consent Order, you must continue to refrain from prescribing for yourself, friends, or family members.

Please be certain to retain a copy of this letter as documented proof that you have completed your license probation.

Thank you for your cooperation during this process, and good luck to you in the future.

Very truly yours,

Bonnie Pinkerton, RN, Nurse Consultant
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section

cc: J. Filippone
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