

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Richard M. Prentice, C.A.D.C.

Petition No. 2011-1215

**REINSTATEMENT CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Richard M. Prentice of Norwalk, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") was issued credential number 000359 on October 2, 1998 to practice as certified alcohol and drug counselor by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 376b of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent's certification expired on January 31, 2009, and respondent has now applied to have said certification reinstated by the Department pursuant to Chapter 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that:

1. After his certification to practice as a certified alcohol and drug counselor expired on January 31, 2009, respondent continued to practice in Connecticut until the present and without a valid alcohol and drug counselor certification.
2. The conduct described above constitutes grounds for denial of respondent's application for reinstatement pursuant to §19a-14(a)(6) of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Reinstatement Consent Order, has chosen not to contest the above admitted violations at a hearing in front of the Department. Respondent further

agrees that this Reinstatement Consent Order shall have the same effect as if ordered after a full hearing pursuant to §§19a-9, 19a-10, and 20-74s of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-17 and 20-74s of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees as follows:

1. He waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's certification to practice as a certified alcohol and drug counselor shall be reinstated when he satisfies the requirements for reinstatement of his certification, as set forth in §§ 19a-14-1 through 19a-14-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and this Reinstatement Consent Order is executed by all parties.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of one thousand one hundred and forty dollars (\$1,140.00) 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. Said civil penalty shall be payable at the time respondent submits this executed Reinstatement Consent Order to the Department.
4. Immediately upon issuance, respondent's certification shall be reprimanded.
5. Respondent shall comply with all federal and state statutes and regulations applicable to his profession.
6. Respondent shall notify the Department of any change in his home and/or business address within fifteen (15) days of such change.
7. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.

8. Respondent understands this Reinstatement Consent Order may be considered as evidence of the above-admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in which (1) his compliance with this Reinstatement Consent Order is at issue, or (2) his compliance with Chapter 376b, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Reinstatement Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
9. This Reinstatement Consent Order and the 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 Reinstatement Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained 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 Reinstatement Consent Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any other rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
10. This Reinstatement 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.
11. This Reinstatement Consent Order is effective when accepted and approved by a duly appointed agent of the Department.
12. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
13. This Reinstatement Consent Order is a matter of public record.

14. 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.
15. This Reinstatement 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.

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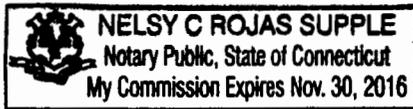
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I, Richard M. Prentice, have read the above Reinstatement Consent Order, and I agree to the terms and allegations set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Reinstatement Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

Richard M Prentice  
Richard M. Prentice

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of JANUARY 2012.



Nelsy C Rojas Supple  
Notary Public or person authorized  
by law to administer an oath or  
affirmation

The above Reinstatement Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 26th day of January 2012, it hereby ordered and accepted.

Jennifer L. Filippone  
Jennifer L. Filippone, Section Chief  
Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section  
Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch