

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND  
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**DEMETRIUS JAMES PHOTOPOULOS, D.D.S.**

**License Number DEN01424**

**Controlled Substances Registration Number CDEN01424**

**Case Number C13-DEN050**

**AMENDED SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES  
REGISTRATION**

Demetrius James Photopoulos, D.D.S. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a dentist in Rhode Island and is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under Rhode Island General Laws chapter 21-28, having both a state Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances. The investigative committee of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry has reviewed the above-referenced complaint, dental records, and the written response of the Respondent, and upon the committee's recommendation, the Director of the Department of Health makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent was licensed as a dentist in Rhode Island on January 1, 1968. His office is located at 123 School Street, Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860. He is a 1968 graduate of the Georgetown University School of Dentistry.
2. Respondent prescribed medication for himself outside the scope of dental practice.

3. Respondent prescribed multiple controlled substances to a family member, Patient A, *alias*, outside the scope of dental practice.
4. Respondent prescribed multiple prescription drugs to a family member, Patient A, *alias*, on multiple occasions, outside the scope of dental practice.
5. The Respondent has a pattern of prescribing controlled substances to patients in a manner that does not meet the standards of acceptable practice.
6. Respondent is in violation of Rhode Island General Laws § 5-31.1-10(19) and (26) and §21-28-3.04 for his failure to adhere to minimum standards of acceptable practice and for violation of state laws concerning standards of practice and prescribing of controlled substances.
7. The public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

### ORDER

1. Based on the foregoing, the Director of the Department of Health has determined that the continuation of the controlled substances registration of Demetrius James Photopoulos, D.D.S. constitutes an immediate threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public.
2. Accordingly, the controlled substances registration issued to Demetrius James Photopoulos, D.D.S., to prescribe controlled substances is hereby suspended forthwith, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-35-14(c) and 5-31.1-19, and this

suspension shall continue until further Order of the Department of Health and until an administrative hearing can be held, or until other resolution.

3. The Respondent is entitled to a hearing in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws §§ 42-35-14(c) and 5-31.1-19.

Signed this 26 day of October, 2013.



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#### CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Summary Suspension of Controlled Substances Registration Order was served upon the Respondent on the 28 day of October, 2013, at the following address: 123 School Street, Pawtucket, RI 02860.

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