

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**ARNOLD ROSENBAUM, M.D. License Number MD 04446  
Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD 04446**

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Arnold Rosenbaum, MD (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in the State of Rhode Island. The Respondent is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act pursuant to R.I. General Laws 21-28. The Respondent has a state issued Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent has a pattern of prescribing controlled substances to his wife in a manner that does not meet the standards of acceptable practice.
2. The Respondent interacted with the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline in 2008 concerning his practice of prescribing controlled substances to his wife and other patients with concerning frequency. The Respondent was informed that his practice was negligent and dangerous. The Respondent agreed to discharge his chronic pain patients and informed the Board in writing via letter that his wife would be treated by another physician.
3. The Board has learned that the Respondent has continued to prescribe schedule 2, 3 and 4 controlled substances to his wife despite concerns raised by the Board.
4. Specifically, the Respondent has written his wife 38 different prescriptions for narcotics since March 31, 2009, including one dated April 3, 2012. During this 1129 day time period during which the Respondent had agreed not to prescribe to his wife, the Respondent wrote her prescriptions for 690 days worth of controlled substances, including Oxycontin, oxycodone, hydrocodone and acetaminophen with codeine. This is in addition to the prescriptions for schedule 2 medications written by another physician who continued to see the Respondent's wife.

**ORDER**

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the controlled substances registration of Arnold Rosenbaum, MD constitutes an immediate threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the controlled substances registration issued to Arnold Rosenbaum, MD to prescribe controlled substances is hereby suspended forthwith pursuant to R.I. General Laws 42-35-14(c). This suspension shall continue until further Order of the Department of Health after an administrative hearing or other resolution.

The Respondent is entitled to a hearing in accordance with § 42-35-14(c).

Signed this 4 day of June 2012.



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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent via hand delivery to the Respondent on this 5th day of June 2012 at the following addresses:

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