

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
**D E P A R T M E N T O F H E A L T H**

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**Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline**

**In the Matter of  
Eugene Ouellette, D.C.**

**Summary Suspension**

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners has noted that the Respondent had previously voluntarily surrendered his license to practice chiropractic medicine in the States of Massachusetts and Rhode Island due to a pattern of issues relating to substance abuse.

The Respondent's license to practice chiropractic medicine in the State of Rhode Island was reinstated 4 years later on August 6, 2003 after he claimed a substantial period of sobriety and successful completion of Part IV of the National Board of Chiropractic Examination. This reinstatement was contingent upon staying clean and sober and a successful 5-year contract with the Meadows Edge Recovery Center during which he was to be monitored and obtain ongoing therapy for substance abuse. The Respondent subsequently failed to adhere to the terms of his reinstatement order by failing to enter into a monitoring agreement with the Meadow's Edge Recovery Center; relapsing into substance abuse, including using opioids; failing to adhere to medical recommendations of a treatment center where he was "in patient" and leaving the

center against medical of advice. A discharge summary recommended against return to chiropractic practice due to, inter alia, a lack of impulse control and poor judgment.

### ORDER

After considering the findings of the evaluation of the Respondent and the recommendations of the Board, it has been determined that the continuation in practice of medicine of Eugene Ouellette, D.C. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Eugene Ouellette, DC is suspended from practicing chiropractic medicine until further Order of the Department of Health. Respondent's suspension is in accordance with the terms of the administrative procedures act RIGL 42-35-14 ( c ) and R.I.G.L. 5-37-8 . The Respondent is entitled to a hearing pursuant to the provisions of R.I.G.L. 5-37-8 within 10 days of the effective date below.

Patricia A. Nolan MD MPH  
Patricia A. Nolan, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

March 13, 2004  
Date

### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this **ORDER** was sent regular mail and via facsimile to the Respondent on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2004 at the following addresses:

Eugene Ouellette  
95 Gilmore Rd.  
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James McFadyen