

Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

**In the Matter of
Anthony Donatelli, D.C.**

Summary Suspension

The Board of Chiropractic Examiners received complaints regarding Anthony Donatelli, D.C. indicating a pattern of conduct that demonstrates professional standards that fall seriously below those expected of a licensed health care professional.

It is apparent from the outset of his licensure in Rhode Island on July 27, 1999 that the Respondent has repeatedly engaged in conduct unbecoming of a licensed chiropractic physician.

1. Anthony Donatelli, DC (hereinafter the "Respondent") was suspended from the practice of chiropractic medicine on March 13, 2004 following a determination by the Director of Health that the continuation in practice of Anthony Donatelli would constitute an immediate danger to the public. The Respondent signed a Consent Order with the Board of Chiropractic Examiners on April 20, 2005 during the administrative hearing on the merits of the Director's March 13, 2004 "Summary Suspension". This Order permitted the Respondent to return to the practice of Chiropractic Medicine under a two-year monitoring program with a company called "Affiliated Monitors" which undertook monitoring of the Respondent's practice shortly thereafter.
2. During the ensuing process, the Department of Health was informed that the Respondent had altered a former employee's Federal Drug

Enforcement Agency's (DEA) Certificate by changing the address. He then used this altered drug certificate to order Controlled Substances in the form of hydrocodone and depo testosterone to be delivered to his office without the knowledge or consent of the medical doctor whose drug certificate was being used to order the drugs.

3. The Respondent sent a letter to Moore Medical Supply with the altered drug certificate and indicated "please note we have moved our office to 125 Atwells Ave., Providence, RI 02903". Moore Medical Supply then shipped the drugs to the physician's home. The physician's home address was the address on the original unaltered DEA certificate. When the physician received the medication at his home he contacted Moore Medical Supply and informed them that he didn't order the medication. Later, the Respondent showed up at the home of the medical doctor and took the box of medications.
4. The Board of Examiners was notified on January 9, 2007 that the Respondent was not compliant with the monitoring terms that were required as part of his return to the practice of chiropractic medicine. Therefore, the Board found that the Respondent had violated the terms of his reinstatement to practice chiropractic medicine and has engaged in "Gross unprofessional conduct" subsequent to the reinstatement of his license to practice.
5. Respondent's pattern of illegal and unprofessional conduct dates back to his original licensure in Virginia where he was arrested, convicted of and

served time for dealing in anabolic steroids. He has demonstrated that he is unfit for the practice of chiropractic medicine. Therefore, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners has recommended that the Director of Health find that the continuation in the practice of chiropractic medicine would constitute an immediate danger to the public.

ORDER

After considering the findings and recommendations of the Board, it has been determined that the continuation in practice of chiropractic medicine of Anthony Donatelli, D.C. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Anthony Donatelli, D.C. 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 R.I.G.L. § 42-35-14 (c) and R.I.G.L. § 5-30-17. 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.



David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health

2-19-07
Date

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this Summary Suspension was sent via hand delivery to the Respondent on 2/19/07 at the following address:

Anthony Donatelli, DC
125 Atwells Ave.
Providence, RI 02909



Linda Julian