

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
PROVIDENCE, SC.

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

V

PEDRO DEALMEIDA, DC.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pedro DeAlmeida (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a chiropractic physician pursuant to *R.I. Gen. Laws 5-30-1 et seq* and holds license number DCP00566. The Department of Health has received complaints regarding the Respondent, indicating a pattern of conduct regarding professional standards that fall seriously below those expected of a licensed chiropractic physician. After investigating said complaints, it is apparent that on more than one occasion, the Respondent has engaged in conduct unbecoming of a licensed chiropractic physician.

On or about February 5, 2008, the Respondent was issued Rhode Island license number DCP00566 to practice chiropractic medicine. The Respondent's practice is located at 1190 Pawtucket Ave., Suite 1A, East Providence, RI 02914.

On or about August 27, 2011, in a private examination room, the Respondent treated an eighteen-year-old female for neck pain. The Respondent engaged said patient in conversation, which was inappropriate and unprofessional. The Respondent massaged the young patient's "bottom" and then turned her over and began kissing her. As the young patient was preparing to leave, the Respondent kissed her again and told her they should get together again, and as she was going

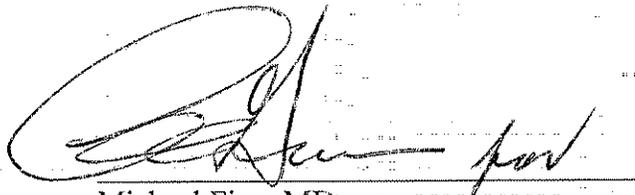
to her car, the Respondent followed her and pressed her to take his cell phone number which he wrote on the back of his business card. Shortly after the young patient departed the Respondent's office, the Respondent sent her a text message inviting her to meet him, to which she replied, "Please don't contact me."

The Respondent continues to contact the young patient by text message; the most recent text was received on September 1, 2011, approximately 2 hours after the Department's investigator spoke to the Respondent about this complaint.

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Pedro DeAlmeida as a chiropractic physician constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public.

Accordingly, the chiropractic license of Pedro DeAlmeida is hereby suspended forthwith. Said suspension shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health. The Respondent may request a hearing in writing to the Department of Health by September 15, 2011.

Signed this 2nd day of September 2011.



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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that I have faxed and mailed the within SUMMARY
SUSPENSION to Attorney Seth Bowerman, accepting service for his client, Pedro
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1300, Providence, RI 02903 on this 2nd day of September 2011.

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