

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**

C11-700

**In the matter of: Pedro DeAlmeida, DC
License No. DCP00566**

Consent Order

This matter was before the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Professional Regulation, Board of Chiropractic Physician Examiners (hereinafter "Board") upon receiving complaints regarding Pedro DeAlmeida, DC (hereinafter "Respondent"), indicating a pattern of conduct regarding professional standards that falls below those required of a licensed chiropractic physician.

Findings of Fact

1. On or about February 5, 2008, the Respondent was issued Rhode Island license number DCP00566 to practice chiropractic medicine.
2. A complaint was received from a woman who was receiving a chiropractic massage which she perceived as inappropriate. When the woman complained and left, the Respondent sent unwanted text messages to her. The Board and the Director of Health suspended the Respondent.
3. The Respondent's chiropractic license was suspended as of September 2, 2011.
4. The Respondent was sent for an evaluation at an out of state assessment facility which recommended restrictions upon any return to clinical practice.

5. The Respondent has violated RIGL § 5-30-13 for unprofessional conduct in the practice of chiropractic medicine.

The parties agree as follows:

The Respondent is a chiropractic physician licensed and doing business under and by virtue of the Laws of the State of Rhode Island, Doctor of Chiropractic license number DCP00566.

- (1) Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- (2) Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of Board. This Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
- (3) Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review;

- h. Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to review adequately this Consent Order;
- (4) If the Respondent does not accept the Consent Order, the Board will schedule an Administrative Hearing with respect to any and all acts of alleged unprofessional conduct.
- (5) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by the Respondent of the facts set forth herein.
- (6) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (7) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.

Order

The Respondent's license to practice chiropractic medicine is suspended until the date of ratification of this order. The Respondent will be on probationary status as of the date of ratification for a period of three-years. Respondent will receive treatment from a counselor acceptable to the Board for a period to be determined by the Board in consultation with the counselor. The Respondent's practice shall be restricted initially to working with another chiropractic physician until such time as the Board relieves the Respondent from this restriction. Relief may be made only upon petition by the Respondent and a formal amendment to this order by the Board.


Pedro DeAlmeida, DC


Seth Bowerman, Esq.

Ratified by the Board of Chiropractic Physicians on this _____ day of
2012.


Board Chair

06/04/12
Date