

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC PHYSICIAN EXAMINERS

In the matter of:
Stephen Jarrow, DC
License Number DC 00364

Consent Order

The Board of Chiropractic Medicine received complaints regarding Stephen Jarrow, D.C. indicating a pattern of conduct regarding professional standards that fall below those expected of a licensed health care professional. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island contacted its members to verify that services paid on their behalf were in fact rendered and billed appropriately. The results of this inquiry demonstrated that Blue Cross was billed for services that were not rendered. The Department of Health undertook a separate investigation that revealed mistaken billing issues.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent billed a third party insurer for services that were not provided to individuals causing Respondent to be in violation of RIGL § 5-30-13.
2. Respondent admits that the billing mistakes were primarily caused by the fact that he lost his electronic records due to a crash of his office computer hard drive. Also, the mistakes occurred because he was going through a difficult time in his personal life which distracted him from keeping good records. More specifically, his personal distress over a recent family tragedy and personal physical and mental health issues. A letter from a therapist outlining this medical history was provided to the Board.

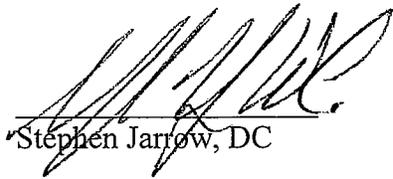
The parties agree as follows:

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 No. DCP00364.

- (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.
- (8) Respondent shall voluntarily surrender his license to practice chiropractic medicine effective **July 20, 2007**. He shall be suspended for a period of two years. All but (4) four months will be Stayed.
- (9) Respondent shall remain on Probation for two years. Respondent shall produce to the board a clean bill of mental and physical health prior to the reinstatement of his license. Further, Respondent shall attend formal training regarding acceptable standards for record keeping and billing.
- (10) Respondent's Application for reinstatement will be contingent upon successful completion of all aspects of this Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

Signed this 3rd day of August, 2007.



Stephen Jarrow, DC

Ratified by the Division of Health Professions Regulation on Aug 7, 2007.



Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation
Health Services Regulation