STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

RI BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN DENTISTRY

In the matter of:
PAUL BOSCIA

License Number DEN02574

Complaint Number C13-DEN043/C12DEN042

AMENDED COMPLIANCE ORDER

Paul Boscia (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a dentist in Rhode Island. After a review of the complaint and records by a Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") investigative committee, the Director of the Department of Health makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent has been a licensed dentist in Rhode Island since September 27, 1996. His practice is located at 320 Phillips Street, Unit 104, North Kingstown, Rhode Island. He is a graduate of Boston University.
2. On July 3, 2012, the Board received a complaint from a Rhode Island insurance provider that Respondent performed unnecessary dental work and dental work which does not meet professional standards;

3. On August 6, 2013, the Board received a complaint from Respondent's patient who complained of root canal treatment that did not meet professional standards;

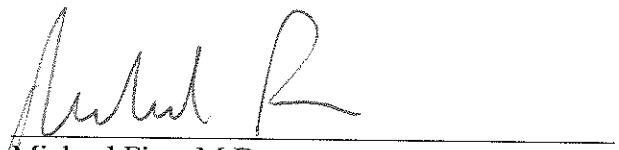
4. As a result of both complaints and a review of five of Respondent's patient records, the Board found the following deficiencies with respect to Respondent's professional standards: (1) Respondent failed to make a patient diagnosis or made an incorrect patient diagnosis, including failure to diagnose obvious tooth decay over a three year period; (2) Respondent failed to provide for comprehensive treatment planning; (3) Respondent failed to adhere to minimal record keeping standards, including charting of existing conditions and periodontal disease charting; (4) Respondent failed to provide necessary patient records, except for "treatment notes"; (5) Respondent failed to refer or suggest referrals to specialist when circumstances warranted such referrals; (6) Respondent failed to communicate endodontic outcomes to patients when such outcomes could compromise their prognosis; (7) Respondent failed to obtain appropriate patient consent forms; (8) Respondent failed to use rubber dam on a molar dendo in conformity with the 2010 position paper of the American Association of Endodontists; (9) Respondent performed sub-standard endodontic work, including root canals very short of the clinical exit of the canal, often in obviously patent canals.

5. Nothing herein shall be construed as an admission by Respondent as to the facts contained herein;

ORDER

1. The Immediate Compliance Order issued to Respondent on October 10, 2013 is hereby vacated;
2. Because Respondent has successfully completed a "hands on" dental university course in proper root canal therapy; which was not a weekend or on-line course; and completed a university course in diagnosis, treatment planning and record keeping; Respondents right to perform root canals is hereby reinstated;
3. Respondent may continue to practice dentistry, including root canal therapy.

Signed this 13 day of December, 2013.



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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of this Amended Compliance Order was served upon the Respondent's Attorney Kevin Daley, via e-mail, on the 13th day of December, 2013, at Kevin Daley <kdaley@daleyorton.com.

Respondent shall have the right to request in writing a hearing within ten days before a hearing officer to determine whether this Amended Compliance Order should become final, be modified or be dismissed. If Respondent fails to request a hearing within ten days from the service upon him of this Amended Compliance Order, this Order shall become a final order and shall not be subject to appeal..