STATE OF RHODE ISLAND & PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:
A. Michael Coppa, M.D.
License Number MD 08249, CMD 08249
Complaint Numbers C14-485

CONSENT ORDER

A. Michael Coppa, M.D. (hereinafter “Respondent”) is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter the “Board”) makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a physician who has been licensed in Rhode Island since August 5th, 1992. His practice is located in Cranston, Rhode Island. He graduated from University of Guadalajara in 1987. Respondent is Board certified and his specialty is Obstetrics and Gynecology. Respondent has no prior disciplinary actions.

2. Respondent engaged in the practice of medicine multiple times with a family member without keeping medical records.

3. Respondent has violated Rhode Island General Laws §5-37-5.1(19) for failure to meet the minimum standard of care regarding elements and quality of the medical record.
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board, and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.

3. If ratified by the Board, 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 on 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 those specifically contained herein;
   f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
   g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.

4. Respondent agrees to pay within sixty (60) days of the ratification of this Consent Order an administrative fee to the Board with a check for $650 dollars made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint.

5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on his physician license.
6. Respondent agrees to take a Board approved course within 12 months of ratification of this order.

7. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent’s license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent’s license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Respondent’s licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 26 day of June, 2015.

A. Michael Coppa, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 12 day of July 2015.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., M.P.H.
Director
Rhode Island Department of Health