

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
JAMES DENIER, M.D. License Number MD 09802  
Controlled Substances Registration Number CMD 09802**

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

James Denier, MD (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in the State of Rhode Island. The Respondent is licensed to prescribe controlled substances under the Uniform Controlled Substances Act pursuant to R.I. General Laws 21-28. The Respondent has a state Controlled Substances Registration and a Federal Drug Enforcement Administration Registration to prescribe controlled substances.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Respondent has a pattern of prescribing controlled substances to patients in a manner that does not meet the standards of acceptable practice.
2. The Respondent has a pattern of prescribing narcotics without medical records.
3. The Respondent has a pattern of prescribing narcotics without seeing the patient.
4. The Respondent's medical records are substandard and incomplete for patients to whom the Respondent has prescribed narcotics. Specifically, the Respondent's medical records routinely show a failure to weigh the patient, as well as a lack of problem summary and active medication lists and a lack of meaningful medical and social histories. The Respondent's medical records routinely show a failure to have X-rays read by a radiologist and a failure to include X-ray reports in medical records when X-rays have been ordered.
5. The Respondent has delivered care below accepted minimal standards, including the inappropriate prescription of narcotics. The Respondent has shown a lack of vigor in pursuing non-narcotic options for pain

management. The Respondent has prescribed narcotics to patients without a pain agreement or alcohol assessment and without a suicide risk assessment for patients with a history of mental health issues.

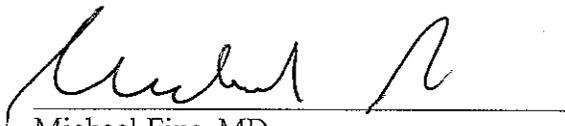
6. The Respondent has failed to respond to the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline in a timely manner.
7. The Respondent has failed to adhere to the counsel of the Board.

### ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that both the continuation of the practice of medicine by James Denier, MD and the continuation of the controlled substances registration of James Denier, MD constitute immediate threats to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, pursuant to R.I. G.L. § 5-37-8, James Denier, MD, is hereby suspended from practicing medicine, and the controlled substances registration issued to James Denier, MD to prescribe controlled substances is hereby suspended forthwith. These **suspensions** shall continue until further Order of the Department of Health.

The Respondent is entitled to a hearing in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws §§ 5-37-8 and 42-35-14(c).

Signed this <sup>not</sup> 12 day of June 2012



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**CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent via hand delivery to the Respondent on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2012 at the following address:

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