BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES URBAN, M.D.
LICENSE NUMBER MD 9760

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

1. The Respondent is a physician born on September 7, 1947 who has been licensed to practice medicine in Rhode Island since 1999. His primary area of practice is Internal Medicine caring for patients, primarily in outpatient settings.

2. The Respondent’s medical office is Harbour Medical located at 1000 Division Street, East Greenwich R.I.

3. The Board sanctioned the Respondent in January 2007 with a Reprimand and again in May of 2009 with an Order that restricted his license to practice medicine, issued him a suspension from practice (Stayed while he completed certain requirements) and placed his license on probation.

4. The Respondent was subject to a separate investigation conducted by the Food and Drug Administration Office of Criminal Investigations, the Department of Attorney General Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse Unit, East Providence and North Providence Police Departments.
5. The investigation revealed that the Respondent prescribed narcotic medication to a “patient” without adequate medical necessity and repeated the prescriptions after being told by East Providence Police and the patient himself that the pills were being sold illegally by the patient. The Respondent then “coached” the patient on how to deceive law enforcement regarding selling the narcotics.

6. Respondent failed to conform to the minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and failed to comply with orders of the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline in violation of § 5-37-5.1(19) and violating state and federal laws relating to controlled substances.

7. Respondent is in violation of the terms of the Consent Order that he signed with the Board in May of 2009.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license to practice medicine in Rhode Island and the controlled substances registration and federal drug enforcement agency registration of JAMES URBAN, MD constitutes an immediate threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island and the controlled substances registration and federal drug enforcement agency registration issued to JAMES URBAN, MD is hereby suspended forthwith pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-37-8

The Respondent may request a hearing on this matter to be will be scheduled within ten (10) days of the effective date below.
The Respondent James Urban has the right to an Appeal of this Summary

Suspension to the Superior Court, Providence County.

David R. Gifford, MD, MPH
Director of Health
Chair, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline

Date

9/18/07