

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION :  
BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE :  
PRACTITIONERS :**

**vs. :**

**ROBERT J. CLOSE ;**

**CONSENT ORDER**

This matter is before the Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners (hereinafter “Board”) upon application for licensure as a Respiratory Care Practitioner filed by Robert J. Close (hereinafter “Respondent”). Specifically, the Board is in receipt of information indicating that on or about October 30, 2006 Respondent’s license as a Respiratory Care Practitioner in the State of North Carolina was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year. Pursuant to § 23-39-12 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, such conduct constitutes grounds to deny application for licensure as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.

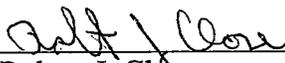
After consideration by the Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners, the parties agree as follows:

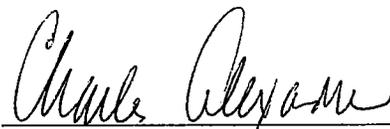
1. Respondent is an applicant for licensure as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.

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 those 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.
4. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and Respondent's license shall reflect that the status is probationary.
5. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Board of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
6. Failure to comply with this Consent Order, once signed and accepted, shall subject the Respondent to further disciplinary action.
7. That the Board shall grant the application for licensure filed by Respondent and shall issue Respondent a license as a Respiratory Care Practitioner, however, Respondent shall serve a period of probation up through, and including October 30, 2007, equivalent to the terms and conditions on the Order entered by the Board of Respiratory Care Practitioners in North

Carolina, which Order is hereby incorporated by reference and merged with this Order.

8. That during the period of probation, should Respondent change employment, Respondent shall notify the Board forthwith of said changes including the name and address of the new employer, date employment commences, and the reason for the change in employment.
9. That should Respondent comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of respiratory care during the period of probation and comply with the requirements of this Consent Order, Respondent may apply to the Board for an unrestricted license to practice respiratory care.
10. That should Respondent fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing the practice of respiratory care and/or fail to comply with the terms of this Consent Order, his license as a Respiratory Care Practitioner shall be subject to suspension or other appropriate disciplinary action.

  
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Robert J. Close

  
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Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN  
Chief, Health Professions  
Regulations

Date: 4/4/07