

# WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION & LICENSING



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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER**

JOHN W. ELDREDGE, R.Ph.  
RESPONDENT.

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LS 9709091 PHM

The parties to this action for the purposes of §227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

John W. Eldredge, R.Ph.  
W159-N8642 Menomonee Falls Pkwy  
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708-8935

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent John W. Eldredge (dob 1/19/32) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a registered pharmacist licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #6385, originally granted on 7/12/54.
2. Respondent did, on 10/16/96, receive and dispense a prescription for patient G.N. for a medication which did not previously appear on the patient's profile. The prescription order was handwritten by the physician for a medication which respondent interpreted to be Ativan®. The dosage instructions were: "take 10 mg (5 tabs) q AM x 5 days only for 5 weeks."
3. Respondent did not call the prescriber to clarify the medication or dosage instructions, but dispensed Ativan to the patient with the dosage instructions as stated.
4. The prescription was actually for Alkeran®.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §450.10, Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats.

6. The conduct described in paragraphs 2-4, and by failing to detect that Ativan® is not prescribed with the dosage instructions provided, above, violated §450.10(1)(a)6., and §§ Phar 7.01(1)(a) and 10.03(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

## ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

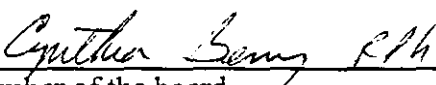
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that John W. Eldredge, R.Ph., is REPRIMANDED for his unprofessional conduct in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay COSTS in this matter in the amount of \$200, within 30 days of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §227.51(3), Wis. Stats., and ch. RL 6, Wis. Adm. Code, if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated any term of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this September 9, 1997.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD, by:

  
a member of the board

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BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JOHN W. ELDREDGE, R.Ph.,  
RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION  
97 PHM 6

It is hereby stipulated between the above Respondent and the undersigned prosecuting attorney for the Division of Enforcement of the Department of Regulation and Licensing, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation of licensure of Respondent by the Division of Enforcement. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by agreement and without the issuance of a formal complaint.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, respondent waives the following rights with respect to disciplinary proceedings: the right to a statement of the allegations against respondent; a right to a hearing at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against respondent; the right to call witnesses on respondent's behalf and to compel attendance of witnesses by subpoena; the right to testify personally; the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision; the right to petition for rehearing; and all other applicable rights afforded to respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, and the Wisconsin Administrative Code.

3. Respondent is aware of respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided the opportunity to seek legal advice before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board. The parties consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation or the proposed Final Decision and Order, and the matter shall be returned to the Division of Enforcement for further proceedings. In the event that this Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties agree that an attorney for the Division of Enforcement may appear before the Board, in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for the purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the members of the Board and its staff may have in connection with their deliberations on the case.

7. The Case Advisor in this matter may participate freely in any deliberations of the Board regarding acceptance of this Stipulation and the proposed Final Order, and may relate to the Board any knowledge and views of the case acquired during the investigation.

8. The Division of Enforcement joins Respondent in recommending that the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

9. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this stipulation, the board's final decision and order is a public record and will be published in the monthly *Report of Decisions* issued by the department. A summary of the order will be published in the *Wisconsin Regulatory Digest* issued semiannually by the Board. This is standard department procedure and in no way specially directed at Respondent.

John W Sedore 9/2/97  
Respondent Date

WITH LEGAL ADVICE FROM ATTY JACK PATRICK

Arthur Thexton 9/4/97  
Prosecuting Attorney Date  
Division of Enforcement

# Department of Regulation & Licensing

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## GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS AND/OR FORFEITURES

On September 9, 1997, the Pharmacy Examining Board  
took disciplinary action against your license. Part of the discipline was an assessment of costs and/or a  
forfeiture.

The amount of the costs assessed is: \$200.00 Case #: LS9709091PHM

The amount of the forfeiture is: \_\_\_\_\_ Case # \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$ 200.00

The costs and/or forfeitures are due: October 9, 1997

NAME: John W. Eldredge LICENSE NUMBER: 6385

STREET ADDRESS: W159 N8642 Menomonee Falls Pkwy

CITY: Menomonee Falls STATE: WI ZIP CODE: 53051

Check whether the payment is for costs or for a forfeiture or both:

X COSTS \_\_\_\_\_ FORFEITURE

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X INDIVIDUAL \_\_\_\_\_ ESTABLISHMENT

If a payment plan has been established, the amount due monthly is:  
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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING  
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of Disciplinary Proceedings Against

John W. Eldredge, R.Ph.,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

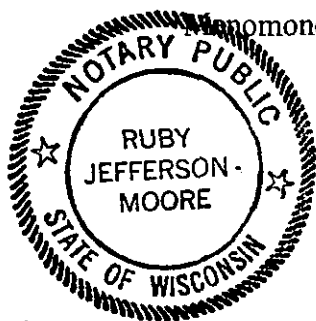
Respondent.

STATE OF WISCONSIN     )  
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COUNTY OF DANE         )

I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
2. On September 11, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order dated September 9, 1997, and Guidelines for Payment of Costs and/or Forfeitures, LS9709091PHM, upon the Respondent John W. Eldredge's attorney by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent's attorney and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the envelope is P 221 158 447.

Jack Patrick, Attorney  
N84 W15959 Appleton Avenue  
P.O. Box 334  
Monomonee Falls WI 53052



Kate Rotenberg  
Kate Rotenberg  
Department of Regulation and Licensing  
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1997.

Ruby Jefferson-Moore  
Notary Public, State of Wisconsin  
My commission is permanent.

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## NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

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Notice Of Rights For Rehearing Or Judicial Review. The Times Allowed For Each, And The Identification Of The Party To Be Named As Respondent.

**Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:**

STATE OF WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

1400 East Washington Avenue  
P.O. Box 8935  
Madison, WI 53708.

**The Date of Mailing this Decision is:**

September 11, 1997

### 1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

### 2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, *Wisconsin Statutes* a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filed in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)