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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PAUL A. DEVETTER, R.Ph., : LS 0710231 PHM
RESPONDENT. :

[Division of Enforcement Case # 06 PHM 051]

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

Paul A. Devetter, R.Ph.
1422 Willow Street
LaCrescent, MN 55947

Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
1400 East Washington Avenue
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board
Department of Regulation and Licensing
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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A Notice of Hearing and Complaint were filed and served in this matter on October 23, 2007. Prior to the hearing on the formal complaint, the parties in this matter agreed to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Pharmacy Examining Board. The Board has reviewed the attached Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Paul A. Devetter, R.Ph., Respondent, date of birth January 17, 1958, is licensed by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board as a pharmacist in the state of Wisconsin pursuant to license number 10339, which was first granted June 1, 1983.

2. Respondent's address of record with the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 1422 Willow Street, LaCrescent, MN 55947.

3. At the time of the event set out below, Respondent was employed as a pharmacist at Quillins Health Q Pharmacy, 609 George Street, LaCrosse, WI 54603.

4. On August 17, 2006, a Division consumer protection investigator made an unscheduled visit to Quillins Health Q Pharmacy. The investigator announced herself to pharmacy staff, including Respondent, and began an inspection of the premises. While she did so, the investigator observed a clerk transfer a prescription to a consumer without any acknowledgment, contact or communication from Respondent, who was the pharmacist on duty.

5. The Pharmacy Examining Board requires pharmacists to provide consultation with every prescription, regardless of whether the prescription is new or a refill. The only exception to the consultation requirement for community pharmacies concerns prescriptions that are delivered to residences. The transaction witnessed by the Division investigator on August 17, 2006, did not involve a home-delivery.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10 and has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraph 4, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code §§ Phar 7.01(1)(e) and (em), and subjects Respondent to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Paul A. Devetter, R.Ph., is REPRIMANDED for the conduct set out above.

2. Respondent shall, within 90 days of the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing a forfeiture in the amount of \$250.00, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.09(8).

3. Respondent shall, within 90 days from the date of this Order, pay to the Department of Regulation and Licensing costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$270.00, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.22(2).

4. Payment shall be mailed or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
1400 East Washington Ave.
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
Fax: (608) 266-2264
Telephone: (608) 267-3817

5. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit any payment of the forfeiture as set forth above or fails to pay costs as ordered, Respondent's license SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board

By: Michael Bettiga
A Member of the Board

12/5/07
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 :
PAUL A. DEVETTER, R.Ph., : STIPULATION
RESPONDENT. : LS 0710231 PHM

[Division of Enforcement Case # 06 PHM 051]

It is hereby stipulated and agreed, by and between Paul A. Devetter, R.Ph., Respondent; and Sandra L. Nowack attorney for the Complainant, Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending disciplinary proceeding against Respondent's licensure by the Division of Enforcement (DOE file 06 PHM 051). Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by stipulation and without a hearing.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, he voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights, including the right to a hearing on the allegations against him, at which time the state has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to call witnesses on his behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena; the right to testify himself; 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 him under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and any other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent has been provided an opportunity to obtain advice of legal counsel prior to signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Board. The parties to the Stipulation 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, 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 to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Enforcement and any member of the Board ever assigned as a case advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, if any, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with the Board's deliberations on this Stipulation. Additionally, any such case advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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

Paul A. Devetter, R.Ph.

Date

Respondent
1422 Willow Street
LaCrescent, MN 55947

Sandra L. Nowack
Attorney for Complainant
Division of Enforcement
Department of Regulation and Licensing
P.O. Box 8935
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Date

[06 PHM 051: Forfeiture \$250.00; Costs \$270.00]

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