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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
CHRISTINA E. LAPP, D.C.,	:	<u>ORDER 0000637</u>
RESPONDENT.	:	

[Division of Enforcement Case # 09 CHI 33]

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

Christina E. Lapp, D.C.
S50W22640 Partridge Lane
Waukesha, WI 53189-9740

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

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 Chiropractic 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. Christina E. Lapp, D.C., (DOB 01/27/1977) is duly licensed to practice chiropractic in the state of Wisconsin (license # 4429). This license was first granted on 07/30/2008.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board is S50W22640 Partridge Lane, Waukesha, Wisconsin 53189-9740.

3. On May 14, 2009, respondent pled guilty and was convicted of one count of willful obstruction of a criminal investigation of health care offenses; a violation of 18 USC sec. 1518 and one count of knowingly and willfully making materially false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements or representation; a violation of 18 USC sec. 1001(a)(2).

4. On August 12, 2009, Respondent was sentenced to one year and a day for each count to run concurrently in a federal prison facility in Wisconsin, followed by three years of supervised release for each count to run concurrently, was ordered to pay a money judgment of \$537,350.00 which was the amount of proceeds, directly or indirectly, obtained from the commission of the fraud, and assessed a fine of \$200.

5. Respondent asserts that she was an unknowing accomplice in a scheme by three other chiropractors to defraud insurance companies by soliciting real victims of automobile accidents and individuals participating in "staged" accidents to seek chiropractic treatments that were not medically necessary, for the purpose of supporting fraudulent insurance claims for treating the non-existent and inflated personal injuries. Respondent admits that she knowingly misrepresented herself as the sole owner of the clinic at which she was practicing, but she denies any knowledge that the misrepresentation assisted to obstruct a State and Federal investigation of the scheme of insurance fraud, or that patients she was treating were participants in a fraudulent scheme.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03, and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. The conduct described in paragraph 3, above, constitutes a violation of Wis. Admin. Code § 6.02(23) and (24) and is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat § 446.03(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The SURRENDER by Christina E. Lapp, D.C., Respondent, of her license to practice chiropractic in the state of Wisconsin is hereby ACCEPTED.

2. Respondent shall not apply or reapply for a license from the Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board.


3. Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED-FIFTY DOLLARS (\$850.00). Payment shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing, and mailed to:

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

Wisconsin Chiropractic Examining Board

By:



A Member of the Board

1/27/11
Date