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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

JEREMY J. FRITZ, D.C.,

DHA case SPS 12-0067

RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002269

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 10 CHI 052

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

Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C. 11124 N. Cedarburg Road, Ste 240 Mequon, WI 53092

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

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services 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 disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin Chiropractic Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., (dob October 14, 1971) is licensed in the State of Wisconsin as a chiropractor, having license number 12-3832, first issued on February 22, 2002, and current through December 14, 2014. Dr. Fritz's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 11124 N. Cedarburg Road, Ste 240, Mequon, WI 53092.
- At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was working as a chiropractor at Mequon, Wisconsin.

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

- 3. Respondent failed to renew his license to practice chiropractic for the period December 15, 2008, through December 14, 2010, but he practiced chiropractic for compensation throughout the period. Respondent states that his office manager was suffering a condition that interfered with her job performance, and his license renewal was overlooked until an insurance carrier noticed the circumstance and reported the matter to the Board, which brought it to Respondent's attention.
- 4. Respondent failed to accrue forty hours of approved continuing education as required by Wis. Admin. Code ch. Chir 3 during the period 2007 through 2008. Respondent did complete one hundred forty hours of continuing education during that period. Respondent explains that he did not realize that the extensive continuing education he was pursuing at the Carrick Institute had not been submitted for approval. Classes from the Carrick Institute are commonly approved, but Respondent's classes had not been submitted for approval for the 2007-2008 license period.
- 5. Respondent completed twenty-five of the forty credits of continuing education required of licensed chiropractors for the period 2009 through December 15, 2010.
- 6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., violated Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 6.02(25) by practicing chiropractic without a current license, and by failing to complete the continuing education required by Wis. Admin. Code § Chir 5.01(1).
- 3. As a result of the above violations, Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 446.03(5).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The license previously granted to Respondent Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., is SUSPENDED for a period of two weeks, effective seven days from the date of this Order.
- 3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$ 1,000.00.
- 4. Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., shall, within ninety days from the date of this Order, mail a letter to Medicare and Medicaid, and to each patient who personally paid fees for chiropractic

services performed by Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., during the period December 15, 2008, through December 14, 2010. The letter shall explain that Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., was not licensed to practice chiropractic in Wisconsin during that period and was therefore not authorized to practice chiropractic or charge any fee for doing so. Not later than one hundred days from the date of this Order, Jeremy J. Fritz, D.C., shall send to the Department Monitor, at the address below, (a) a copy of a representative letter sent to patients, (b) a list of the patients to whom the letter was sent, and (c) a copy of the letter sent to Medicare and Medicaid in compliance with this paragraph.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 8935, Madison, WI 53708-8935
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

- 6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as ordered, Respondent's license (no. 12-3832) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.
 - 7. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINING BOARD

by:	1/24/13
A Member of the Board	Date