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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PAUL D. FORD, R.Ph., :
RESPONDENT. :

ORDER 0007010

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 PHM 195

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

Paul D. Ford, R.Ph.
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Pharmacy Examining 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 Paul D. Ford, R.Ph., (DOB xx-xx-1975) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice pharmacy, having license number 13141-40, first issued on October 14, 1999, and current through August 30, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Whitefish Bay, Wisconsin 53217.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a pharmacist at a pharmacy located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Pharmacy).

3. On January 12, 2018, a physician prescribed ninety (90) Atenolol 25 mg tablets to Patient A for her hypertension. The prescription (Rx No. 726202) was sent to the Pharmacy.

4. On January 19, 2018, Patient A went to the Pharmacy to have the prescription filled. According to the Pharmacy's log, Respondent verified the prescription before dispensing it to Patient A.

5. After taking the medication in the bottle for about a month, Patient A realized that the tablets were not the Atenolol that was prescribed to her but were instead Sertraline Hydrochloride, an anti-depressant.

6. On March 2, 2018, Patient A visited her physician complaining of increased headaches and neck pain. The physician noted the "mixup at the pharmacy."

7. After Patient A reported the error to the Pharmacy, Respondent filed a misfill report.

8. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1), 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, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 10.03(2), by engaging in any pharmacy practice which constitutes a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of patient or public, including but not limited to, practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a pharmacist which harmed or could have harmed a patient.

3. As a result of the above violations, Respondent Paul D. Ford, R.Ph., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b)1.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$460.00.

4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent 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 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online via DSPS' Monitoring Case Management System, here:
www.dspsmonitoring.wi.gov

5. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (No. 13141-40) to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

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

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

By: Philip Trapstein c.p.
A Member of the Board

9/24/2020
Date

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0007010

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 PHM 195

Respondent Paul D. Ford, R.Ph., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, 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 Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- 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, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining (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 then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the 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.

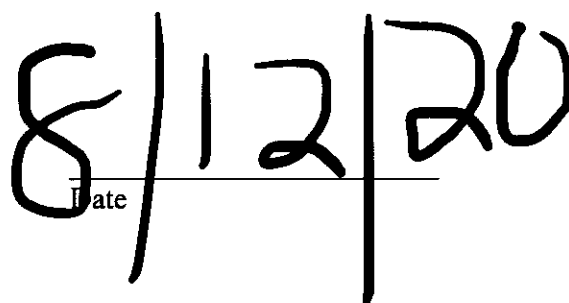
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such 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 a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

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



Paul D. Ford, R.Ph., Respondent
Whitefish Bay, WI 53217
License No. 13141-40



Date

Julie Zimmer, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

08/13/2020
Date