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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MAXWELL B. MEINERZ, D.D.S.,  
RESPONDENT.

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

**ORDER 0008613**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 DEN 154

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

Maxwell B. Meinerz, D.D.S.  
Milwaukee, WI 53213

Wisconsin Dentistry 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 Dentistry 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. Maxwell B. Meinerz, D.D.S. (Respondent), (Year of Birth 1988) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a dentist, having license number 7067-15, first issued on May 23, 2013, and current through September 30, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53213.

2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent worked as a dentist at an office located in Elm Grove, Wisconsin (Office).

3. Respondent's Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) data from January 1 through June 30, 2022, indicated that Respondent prescribed controlled substances but had a 0%

PDMP utilization rate. As such, the Wisconsin Controlled Substances Board referred Respondent to the Board for further review and investigation.

4. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance (Division) obtained Respondent's PDMP query history between December 1, 2021, and June 30, 2022, as well as patient records for 10 patients treated by Respondent during the same timeframe. Review of this information revealed that for the 10 patients selected:

- a. Respondent issued 11 prescriptions for controlled substances for a duration longer than three days and did not check the PDMP prior to issuing the prescription.
- b. For one or more of these patients, Respondent did not document in the patient records whether Respondent conducted a risk assessment prior to prescribing the controlled substance, whether non-opioid therapies were considered or discussed with the patient, whether Respondent asked the patient what other medications the patient was taking, and/or whether Respondent discussed the risks/benefits of taking the controlled substance with the patient.
- c. On June 3, 2022, Respondent prescribed oxycodone to Patient JC in response to discomfort and pain Patient JC was feeling due to pericoronitis. Patient JC did not fill the prescription until June 27, 2022. Respondent prescribed Patient JC a benzodiazepine on June 28, 2022. Patient JC's records do not contain documentation of a clear rationale for prescribing a combination of opioids and benzodiazepines, nor do the records contain documentation that the risks of taking opioids and benzodiazepines concurrently were addressed with Patient JC. Had Respondent checked the PDMP prior to prescribing the benzodiazepine on June 28, 2022, he would have noted that Patient JC did not fill the opioid prescription until June 27, 2022.

5. The Division also requested Respondent provide documentation of continuing education (CE) compliance for the biennium ending September 30, 2021. Respondent asserted that he complied with the CE requirement for the biennium ending September 30, 2021, but was unable to produce documentation of compliance. Understanding that it was his responsibility to demonstrate compliance and desiring to come into compliance with the CE requirement, Respondent proactively completed 32 hours of dentistry CE in early April 2023, including six credits on the topic of opioids and pain management in dentistry.

6. Wisconsin PDMP training materials can be found at <https://pdmp.wi.gov/training-materials>.

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

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07 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 violated Wis. Admin. Code § CSB 4.105(1) by failing to review the monitored prescription drug history report about a patient before issuing a prescription for the patient absent specified exceptions. One exception is if the prescription order is for a number of doses intended to last the patient three days or less and is not subject to refill.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § DE 13.03(1) and (1m) by failing to complete 30 credit hours of continuing education, including 2 credit hours in the topic of responsible prescribing of controlled substances for the treatment of acute dental pain, during the 2-year period immediately preceding the October 1st renewal date for the credential.

4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code. § DE 13.03(10) by failing to maintain a written record of the required continuing education hours for not less than six years after the completion of each credit.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(5) by practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a dentist or dental hygienist which harms or could have harmed a patient.

6. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Admin. Code § DE 5.02(20) by violating, or aiding and abetting the violation of any law substantially related to the practice of dentistry or dental hygiene.

7. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 447.07.

### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.
3. The license issued to Respondent to practice dentistry in the State of Wisconsin (license number 7067-15), is LIMITED as follows:
  - a. The Board accepts the CE Respondent has already completed, as identified in paragraph five of the Findings of Fact, as satisfying the education the Board would have otherwise ordered in this matter to substantiate compliance with the CE requirement for the 2019-21 biennium.
  - b. Within 90 days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall, at his own expense, successfully complete two hours of education in the topic of patient record documentation. Such course shall be offered by a provider pre-approved by the Board monitoring liaison, including taking and passing any exam offered for the course.

- c. All education completed pursuant to this Order shall be taken in person. The Board's monitoring liaison may approve course(s) to be taken via webinar, online, or otherwise remotely, in response to a request from Respondent.
- d. Respondent shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to this Order may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department, and also may not be used in future attempts to upgrade a credential in Wisconsin.
- e. The Board monitoring liaison may change the number of credit hours and/or education topics in response to a request from Respondent. The monitoring liaison may consider the topic availability and/or hours of education when determining if a change to the ordered education should occur.
- f. Respondent shall submit documentation substantiating compliance with the CE requirement for the biennium ending September 30, 2023, to the Department Monitor at the address stated below, no later than September 30, 2023.
- g. The limitations imposed by this Order shall be removed from Respondent's license after satisfying the Board or its designee that Respondent has successfully completed all the ordered education.

4. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$728.00.

5. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

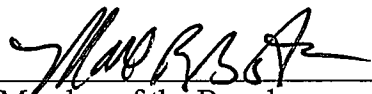
Department Monitor  
 Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
 Department of Safety and Professional Services  
 P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
 Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264  
 DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

6. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (number 7067-15) or Respondent's right to renew his license, 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.

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

WISCONSIN DENTISTRY EXAMINING BOARD

By:   
A Member of the Board

Date 7/12/23

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 DEN 154

Maxwell B. Meinerz, D.D.S. (Respondent), 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. Respondent is represented by Attorney Angela Campion.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (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

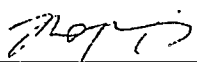
accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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 or Respondent's attorney, 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.

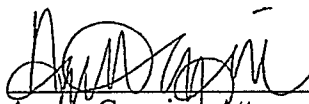
8. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

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

  
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Maxwell B. Meinerz, D.D.S., Respondent  
Milwaukee, WI 53213  
License No. 7067-15


6/5/2023

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Angela Campion, Attorney for Respondent  
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6/5/2023

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