COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY	·	BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN PHARMACY
In the Matter of Greater Lawrence Family Health Center)	PHA-2019-0070
DS90041)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REPRIMAND

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") and Greater Lawrence Family Health Center ("Pharmacy" or "Licensee"), a pharmacy licensed by the Board, DS90041, do hereby stipulate and agree that the following information shall be entered into and become a permanent part of the Pharmacy's record maintained by the Board:

- 1. The Pharmacy acknowledges the Board opened a Complaint against its Massachusetts pharmacy license related to the conduct set forth in Paragraph 2, identified as Docket Number PHA-2019-0070 ("Complaint").
- 2. The Board and the Pharmacy acknowledge and agree to the following facts:
 - a. Licensee is located in Methuen, Massachusetts.
 - b. Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (Lawrence South Pharmacy), DS90069, is located in Lawrence, Massachusetts.
 - c. Licensee and Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (Lawrence South Pharmacy) are under common ownership and/or management.
 - d. Licensee improperly transferred prescriptions from Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (Lawrence South Pharmacy) to its location in Methuen, Massachusetts. Specifically, if certain prescriptions were presented at Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (Lawrence South Pharmacy), Licensee would fill the prescriptions in Methuen, submit insurance claims from Methuen, and then deliver the medication to the Lawrence pharmacy for patient pick-up. The prescriptions were never formally transferred from Greater Lawrence Family Health Center (Lawrence South Pharmacy) to Licensee.
 - e. Licensee improperly comingled clinic pharmacy drug inventory and retail pharmacy drug inventory.

- f. Licensee improperly dispensed refill medications prior to the receipt of new prescriptions.
- 3. The Pharmacy acknowledges that the facts described in Paragraph 2 warrant disciplinary action by the Board under M.G.L. c. 12, §§ 42A & 61 and 247 CMR 10.03(1)(a), (b), and (v).
- 4. The Pharmacy agrees that the Board shall impose a REPRIMAND on its license based on the facts admitted in Paragraph 2, effective as of the date on which the Board signs this Agreement ("Effective Date").
- 5. The Board agrees that in return for the Pharmacy's execution and successful compliance with all the requirements of this Agreement, the Board will not prosecute the Complaint.
- 6. The Pharmacy understands that it has a right to formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the Complaint and that during said adjudication the Pharmacy would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on its own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, to appeal to the courts, and all other rights as set forth in the Massachusetts Administrative Procedures Act, M.G.L. c. 30A, and the Standard Adjudicatory Rules of Practice and Procedure, 801 CMR 1.01 et seq. The Pharmacy further understands that by executing this Agreement the Pharmacy is knowingly and voluntarily waiving it's right to a formal adjudication of the Complaint.
- 7. The Pharmacy acknowledges that it has been at all times free to seek and use legal counsel in connection with the Complaint and this Agreement.
- 8. The Pharmacy acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board subject to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Public Records Law, M.G.L. c. 4, § 7. The Board may forward a copy of this Agreement to other licensing boards, law enforcement entities, and other individuals or entities as required or permitted by law.
- 9. The Pharmacy understands and agrees that entering into this Agreement is a voluntary and final act and not subject to reconsideration, appeal or judicial review.

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10.	The individual signing this Agenter into this Agreement on read this Agreement.	greement certifies that he/she is authorized to behalf of the Pharmacy, and that he/she has
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		(print name) (print name) David Sencabaugh, R. P.M. Executive Director Board of Registration in Pharmacy
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by Certified Mail

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Effective Date of Reprimand Agreement

Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Licensee on 1/9/20 No. 7019 6700 0000 1934 580 2