

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

SUFFOLK COUNTY

BOARD OF REGISTRATION
IN PHARMACY

In the Matter of Pharmacy)
Corporation of America)
Registration No. DS3599)
Expires December 31, 2019)

Docket No. PHA-2018-0040

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PROBATION

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy ("Board") and Pharmacy Corporation of America ("Pharmacy" or "Licensee"), a pharmacy registered by the Board, DS3599 ("Registration"), 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 a complaint was opened by the Board against its Registration¹ related to the conduct set forth in Paragraph 2, identified as docket number PHA-2018-0040 (the "Complaint").
2. The Board and the Pharmacy acknowledge and agree to the following facts:
 - a. On May 10, 2018, OPP investigators conducted a compliance inspection of the Pharmacy and observed the following deficiencies:
 - i. Pharmacy failed to reconcile expired, damaged and otherwise unsaleable Schedule II controlled substances in its perpetual inventory at least once every ten days in violation of 247 CMR 9.01(14).
 - ii. Pharmacy failed to obtain original, manually signed Schedule II prescriptions from non-Long Term Care facilities and institutions for pharmacist review prior to dispensing those Schedule II controlled substances in violation of 21 C.F.R. 1306.11(a).

¹ The term "registration" or "license" applies to both a current registration and the right to renew an expired registration.

3. The Pharmacy acknowledges that the foregoing facts warrant disciplinary action by the Board under M.G.L. c. 112, §§42A & 61 and 247 CMR 10.03(1)(a) and (b).
4. The Pharmacy agrees that its Registration shall be placed on PROBATION for one (1) year ("Probationary Period"), commencing with the date on which the Board signs this Agreement ("Effective Date").
5. During the Probationary Period, the Pharmacy further agrees that it shall comply with all of the following requirements to the Board's satisfaction:
 - a. Comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Massachusetts.
 - b. Timely renew its Registration.
6. The Board agrees that in return for the Pharmacy's execution and successful compliance with the requirements of this Agreement it will not prosecute the Complaint.
7. If the Pharmacy has complied to the Board's satisfaction with all the requirements contained in this Agreement, the Probationary Period will terminate **one (1) year** after the Effective Date upon written notice to the Pharmacy from the Board².
8. If the Pharmacy does not materially comply with each requirement of this Agreement, or if the Board opens a Subsequent Complaint³ during the Probationary Period, the Pharmacy agrees to the following:
 - a. The Board may upon written notice to the Pharmacy, as warranted to protect the public health, safety, or welfare:
 - i. **EXTEND** the Probationary Period; and/or

² In all instances where this Agreement specifies written notice to the Pharmacy from the Board, such notice shall be sent to the Pharmacy's address of record.

³ The term "Subsequent Complaint" applies to a complaint opened after the Effective Date concerning acts, omissions, or events occurring after the Effective Date, which (1) alleges that the Pharmacy engaged in conduct that violates Board statutes or regulations, and (2) is substantiated by evidence, as determined following the complaint investigation during which the Pharmacy shall have an opportunity to respond.

- ii. MODIFY the Probation Agreement requirements; and/or
 - iii. IMMEDIATELY SUSPEND the Pharmacy's Registration.
- b. If the Board suspends the Pharmacy's Registration pursuant to Paragraph 7(a)(iii), the suspension shall remain in effect until:
 - i. The Board provides the Pharmacy written notice that the Probationary Period is to be resumed and under what terms; or
 - ii. the Board and the Pharmacy sign a subsequent agreement; or
 - iii. the Board issues a written final decision and order following adjudication of the allegations (1) of noncompliance with this Agreement, and/ or (2) contained in the Subsequent Complaint.
- 9. The Pharmacy agrees that if the Board suspends its Registration in accordance with Paragraph 7, it will immediately return its Registration to the Board, by hand or certified mail. The Pharmacy further agrees that upon said suspension, they will no longer be authorized to operate as a pharmacy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and shall not in any way represent itself as a pharmacy until such time as the Board reinstates its Registration or right to renew such Registration.
- 10. The Pharmacy understands that it has a right to formal adjudicatory hearing concerning the Complaint and that during said adjudication it 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 it's knowingly and voluntarily waiving its right to a formal adjudication of the Complaint.
- 11. 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.

12. The Pharmacy acknowledges that after the Effective Date, the Agreement constitutes a public record of disciplinary action by the Board. 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.
13. The Pharmacy certifies that it has read this Agreement. 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.

Heather Carolina 2/14/19
Witness (sign and date)

[Signature] 2/14/19
Pharmacy Corporation of America
(Signature and Date)

JEFFREY D LYNCH
Print Name

[Signature]
David Sencabaugh, R.Ph.
Executive Director
Board of Registration in Pharmacy

2/22/19
Effective Date of Probation Agreement

Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Registrant on 2/22/19 by

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