**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

**IN PHARMACY**

**In the Matter of**

**CVS Pharmacy #1874 Docket No. PHA-2015-0090**

**License Number: DS89741**

**Expires December 31, 2017**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REPRIMAND**

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Pharmacy (“Board”) and CVS Pharmacy (“CVS” or “Pharmacy”), a pharmacy licensed by the Board, license number DS89741, 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 that the Board opened a Complaint against its Massachusetts license related to the conduct set forth in Paragraph 2, identified as Docket Number PHA-2015-0090 (“Complaint”).
2. The Board and the Pharmacy acknowledge and agree to the following facts:
   1. On or about May 21, 2014, Office of Public Protection investigators conducted a compliance inspection of the Pharmacy (“Inspection I”) and observed the following regulatory deficiencies:
      1. Pharmacy failed to maintain required supervisory ratios in violation of 247 CMR 8.06(3) in that only one out of four support staff was a certified pharmacy technician;
      2. Pharmacy failed to reconcile perpetual inventory at least once every ten days in violation of 247 CMR 6.07(1)(b);
      3. Pharmacy failed to maintain premises in a clean and sanitary manner in violation of 247 CMR 6.02(1);
      4. Pharmacy failed to properly quarantine expired medications in violation of 247 CMR 9.01(10).
   2. On or about, February 2, 2015, Office of Public Protection investigators conducted a compliance inspection of the Pharmacy (“Inspection II”) and observed the following regulatory deficiencies:
3. Pharmacy failed to maintain required supervisory ratios in violation of 247 CMR 8.06(3) upon review of staffing schedules for January 28, 2015; and
4. Pharmacy failed to reconcile perpetual inventory including expired medications at least once every ten days in violation of 247 CMR 6.07(1)(b).
   1. On or about, June 3, 2015, Office of Public Protection investigators conducted a compliance inspection of the Pharmacy (“Inspection III”) and observed the following regulatory deficiencies:
      1. Pharmacy failed to maintain required supervisory ratios in violation of 247 CMR 8.06(3) in that none of the technicians was nationally certified or an intern; and
      2. Pharmacy failed to keep a perpetual inventory of each Schedule II controlled substances and to reconcile at least one every ten days in violation of 247 CMR 9.01(14).
5. The Pharmacy acknowledges that the foregoing facts warrant disciplinary action by the Board under M.G.L. c. 12, §§ 42A and 61 and under 247 CMR 10.03.
6. 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”).
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The individual signing this Agreement certifies that he/she is authorized to enter into this Agreement on behalf of the Pharmacy, and that he/she has read this Agreement.

Karen Distefano 12/10/15

Director of Pharmacy Reg. Affairs

CVS Pharmacy #1874

(sign and date)

David Sencabaugh, R.Ph.

Executive Director

Board of Registration in Pharmacy

12/14/15

Effective Date of Reprimand Agreement

**Fully Signed Agreement Sent to Registrant** **on 12/15/15 by Certified Mail No. 7015 1660 0001 1911 0434**