STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH CONNECTICXUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In re: Parimal Patel, P.A.

Petition No. 2014-827

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, Parimal Patel, P.A., of Milford, Connecticut (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001183 to practice as a physician assistant by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 370 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

- On several occasions during the course of approximately September 2013 through January 1. 2014, respondent wrote prescriptions for controlled substances for his son without adequate documentation and outside of a physician-patient relationship and/or outside of his supervisory agreement with his supervising physician.
- The above described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the 2. General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-12f.

WHEREAS, on or about January 27, 2014, respondent entered into an Agreement Concerning Connecticut Controlled Substance Certificate of Registration with the Department of Consumer Protection, Drug Control division, by which he agreed not to administer, dispense or prescribe controlled substances to himself or members of his family, except in the case of a medical emergency. On March 5, 2015, respondent allowed said Certificate of Registration to lapse.

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Connecticut medical Examining Board (hereinafter "the Board"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-10, 19a-14 and 20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut. GENERLCO 5/98 78-1

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-17 and 20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

- 1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
- 2. Respondent's license number 001183 to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Connecticut is hereby reprimanded.
- 3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of three-thousand and five-hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) by certified or cashier's check payable to "Treasurer, State of Connecticut." The check shall reference the Petition Number on the face of the check, and shall be payable at the time respondent submits the executed Consent Order to the Department.
- Respondent's license number 001183 is hereby restricted such that he may not apply to reinstate his controlled substance registration until he has completed in-person coursework, pre-approved by the Department, in controlled substance prescribing practices.
- 5. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Lavita Sookram, R.N., Nurse Consultant Practitioner Compliance and Monitoring Unit Department of Public Health 410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12HSR P.O. Box 340308 Hartford, CT 06134-0308

- 6. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
- 7. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
- 8. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
- 9. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Board.
- Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section of the Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch of the Department.
- 11. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Board.

- 12. Respondent understands this Consent Order is a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations shall be deemed true in any proceeding before the Board in which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-12f of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue. Further, respondent understands that any discipline imposed by this Consent Order shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- 13. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Respondent understands that this Consent Order shall not be subject to modification as a result of any claim that the terms contained herein may result in action by third parties, including, but not limited to, healthcare facilities and/or credentialing or licensure boards. Respondent assumes all responsibility for assessing such actions prior to the execution of this document. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
- 14. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
- 15. Respondent permits a representative of the Department to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands that the Board has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted. Respondent hereby waives any claim of error that could be raised that is related to or arises during the course of the Board's discussions regarding whether to approve or reject this Consent Order and/or a Board member's participation during this process, through the Board member's review or comments, including but not limited to bias or reliance on evidence outside the administrative record if this matter proceeds to a hearing on a statement of charges resulting in a proposed decision by the Board and/or a panel of the Board and a final decision by the Board.
- 16. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
- 17. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the State's

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Attorney's Office where the allegation occurred or Bureau Chief of the applicable unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office. The purpose of this Consent Order is to resolve the pending administrative license disciplinary petition only, and is not intended to affect any civil or criminal liability or defense.

18. This Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this case. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this consent order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated herein or made a part hereof. I, Parimal Patel, P.A., have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this



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Notary Public or person authorized by law to administer an oath or affirmation

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the

Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 20126 it is hereby accepted.

Kathleen Boulware, RN, Public Health Services Manager Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section Healthcare Quality and Safety Branch

Christian D. Andresen, Chief

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the Connecticut Medical Examining Board on the 19^{10} day of 300 day of 2016 it is hereby ordered and accepted.

Kathryn Emmett, Esq., Chairperson Connecticut Medical Examining Board