

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

<p>RE: Pharmacy Support Person Registration of</p> <p><b>CORI JOHNSON</b> Registration No. 4715 Respondent</p>	<p>CASE NO. 2020-0031</p> <p><b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER</b></p>
--	--

Pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(5) and 272C.3(4), and 657 IAC 35.24, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Cori Johnson ("Respondent") enter into the following Settlement Agreement and Final Order ("Order") to settle a contested case currently pending before the Board.

The allegations contained in the Statement of Charges against Respondent shall be resolved without proceeding to hearing, as the Board and Respondent stipulate as follows:

1. The Board filed a Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges on August 26, 2020.
2. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this proceeding.
3. Respondent acknowledges that allegations contained in the Statement of Charges, if proven in a contested case proceeding, would constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Order.
4. Execution of this Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case. Respondent has a right to hearing before the Board on the charges, but Respondent waives the right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal or seek judicial review of the Board's actions, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. Once entered, this Order shall have the force and effect of a disciplinary order entered following a contested case hearing.
5. Respondent acknowledges that she has the right to be represented by counsel on this matter.
6. Respondent agrees that the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board and may have *ex parte* communications with the Board while presenting it.
7. This Order is subject to approval by a majority of the full Board. If the Board does not approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter. If the Board approves this Order, it shall be the full and final resolution of this matter.

8. This Order shall be part of Respondent's permanent record and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

9. Respondent understands the Board is required by federal law to report any adverse action to the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy's Disciplinary Clearinghouse and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

10. This Order, when fully executed, is a public record and is available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

11. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

12. Respondent is hereby **CITED** for working as a pharmacy support person without current registration and **WARNED** that future violations of the laws and rules governing pharmacy support persons can result in further disciplinary action.


13. Within sixty (60) days, Respondent shall pay a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25). The check shall be made payable to the "Treasurer of Iowa" and shall be deposited in the general fund. The civil penalty should be mailed to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, Attn: Amanda Woltz, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Ste E, Des Moines IA 50309.

14. Should Respondent violate the terms of this Order, the Board may initiate action to impose other licensee discipline as authorized by Iowa Code chapters 155A and 272C and 657 IAC 36.

10-11-2020  
Date

  
CORI JOHNSON  
Respondent

This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on  
November 18, 2020.

  
Chairperson  
Iowa Board of Pharmacy

**BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

<p>RE: Pharmacy Support Person Registration of</p> <p><b>CORI JOHNSON</b> Registration No. 4715 Respondent</p>	<p>CASE NO. 2020-0031</p> <p><b>NOTICE OF HEARING AND STATEMENT OF CHARGES</b></p>
--	--

**COMES NOW** the Iowa Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) and files this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges against Cori Johnson (“Respondent”), 2248 S Bean Rd, Decorah IA 52101, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.12(2), 17A.18(3), and 272C.3(1)"e", and 657 IAC 35.6 and 35.7.

**A. TIME, PLACE, AND NATURE OF HEARING**

Hearing. A disciplinary contested case hearing shall be held on November 17, 2020, before the Board. The hearing shall begin at 1:00 p.m. and shall be located in the Board conference room located at the Iowa Board of Pharmacy Office, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Ste E, Des Moines IA 50309.

Answer. Within twenty (20) days of the date you are served this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges, you may file an Answer pursuant to 657 IAC 35.16. The Answer should specifically admit, deny, or otherwise answer all allegations contained in sections C and D of this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.

Filing of Pleadings. Pleadings shall be filed with the Board either by e-mail, if done in compliance with 657 IAC 35.17(2), to [Amanda.Woltz@iowa.gov](mailto:Amanda.Woltz@iowa.gov), or by mail/delivery to the following address: Iowa Board of Pharmacy, 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St, Ste E, Des Moines IA 50309.

Presiding Officer. The Board shall serve as presiding officer, but the Board may request an Administrative Law Judge from the Department of Inspections and Appeals make initial rulings on prehearing matters, and be present to assist and advise the Board at hearing.

Hearing Procedures. The procedural rules governing the conduct of the contested case hearing, including prehearing matters, are found at 657 IAC chapter 35. At the hearing, you may appear personally or be represented by counsel at your own expense. You will be allowed the opportunity to respond to the charges against you, to produce evidence on your behalf on issues of material fact, cross-examine witnesses present at the hearing, and examine and respond to any documents introduced at the hearing. The hearing may be open to the public or closed to the public at your discretion, pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.6(1) and 657 IAC 35.25(10).

Prosecution. The Office of Attorney General of Iowa is responsible for representing the public interest (the State) in this proceeding. Counsel for the State in this matter is Assistant Attorney General Laura Steffensmeier. Ms. Steffensmeier can be reached by phone at (515) 281-6690. Copies of pleadings should be provided to counsel for the State either by email to [Laura.Steffensmeier@ag.iowa.gov](mailto:Laura.Steffensmeier@ag.iowa.gov), or by mail/delivery to the following address:

Laura Steffensmeier  
Assistant Attorney General  
Hoover State Office Building—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1305 E Walnut St  
Des Moines IA 50319

Communications. You may not contact individual Board members in any manner, including by phone, letter, or e-mail, regarding this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges. Board members may only receive information about the case when all parties have notice and the opportunity to participate, such as at the hearing or in pleadings you file and serve upon all parties in the case.

## **B. LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION**

Jurisdiction. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 155A, and 272C (2019).

Legal Authority. If any of the allegations against you are founded, the Board has authority to take disciplinary action against you under Iowa Code chapters 155A and 272C, and 657 IAC chapter 36.

Default. If you fail to appear at the hearing, the Board may enter a default decision or proceed with the hearing and render a decision in your absence, in accordance with Iowa Code section 17A.12(3) and 657 IAC 35.27.

## **C. STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

### **COUNT I**

#### **WORKING WITHOUT CURRENT REGISTRATION**

Respondent is charged with failing to maintain a current pharmacy support person registration with the Board while being employed as a pharmacy support person in violation of 657 IAC 5.4, and may be disciplined pursuant to Iowa Code section 155A.6B(5) and 657 IAC 36.6(22).

## **D. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

1. Respondent's Iowa pharmacy support person registration number 4715 is currently active through May 31, 2022.

2. From June 2019 to January 2020, Respondent worked as a pharmacy support person without a current registration issued by the Board.

**E. SETTLEMENT**

This matter may be resolved by settlement agreement. The procedural rules governing the Board's settlement process are found at 657 IAC 35.24. To cancel a scheduled hearing, an executed settlement agreement must be received by the Board at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled hearing. If you are interested in pursuing settlement in this matter, please contact the Assistant Attorney General identified above.

**F. FINDING OF PROBABLE CAUSE**

On August 26, 2020, the Iowa Board of Pharmacy found probable cause to file this Notice of Hearing and Statement of Charges.



---

Chairperson  
Iowa Board of Pharmacy

Copy to:

Laura Steffensmeier  
Assistant Attorney General  
Hoover State Office Building—2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
1305 E Walnut St  
Des Moines IA 50319  
ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE

PLEASE NOTE: If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in this matter because of a disability, immediately call 515-281-5944. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942).