

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY

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| <p>RE: Nonresident Pharmacy License of</p> <p>WALGREENS #02445 License No. 3557 Respondent</p> | <p>CASE NO. 2020-0154</p> <p>COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER</p> |
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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Walgreens #02445 ("Respondent"), 8337 S Park Cir, Orlando FL 32819, and enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order ("Order") pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 272C.3(4), and 657 IAC 35.5. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this case pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 155A, and 272C, and 657 IAC 36.

A. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

CONTRIBUTING TO A DISPENSING ERROR

1. Respondent is charged with contributing to the dispensing of an incorrect prescription and may be disciplined pursuant to Iowa Code section 155A.13A(5)(d) and 657 IAC 19.11(5) and 36.6(41).

B. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

2. Respondent's nonresident pharmacy license number 3557 is currently active through December 31, 2020.

3. Respondent operates as a central processing pharmacy for Walgreens retail pharmacies located in Iowa.

4. In September 2020, Respondent incorrectly verified a prescription for needles, which resulted in the patient receiving a larger needle size, one gauge larger than prescribed.

5. Respondent has been previously disciplined by the Board for contributing to a dispensing error.

C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

6. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of these proceedings.

7. Respondent denies the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges section and denies the allegations set forth in the Factual Circumstances section. Respondent acknowledges,

however, for purposes of settlement, that the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges section and the allegations set forth in the Factual Circumstances section, if proven in a contested case hearing, may constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Order.

8. 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 action, 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.

9. Respondent acknowledges that it has the right to be represented by counsel on this matter.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. 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.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

16. Respondent is hereby **CITED** for contributing to the dispensing of an incorrect prescription and **WARNED** that future violations of the laws and rules governing pharmacies may result in further disciplinary action.

17. Respondent shall pay a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) within thirty (30) days of Board approval of this Order. 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 8th St, Ste E, Des Moines IA 50309.


18. Within thirty (30) days of Board approval of this Order, Respondent shall submit a written

statement explaining what actions the pharmacy and corporate office are taking to reduce the occurrence of dispensing errors.

19. 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.

By the signature below, signatory acknowledges they are authorized to sign this Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order on behalf of Respondent.

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WALGREENS #02445
Respondent

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on January 12, 2021.



Chairperson
Iowa Board of Pharmacy