

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY

<p>RE: Pharmacy License of</p> <p>TOWNCREST PHARMACY License No. 838 Respondent</p>	<p>CASE NO. 2021-0037</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 Towncrest Pharmacy (“Respondent”), 2306 Muscatine Ave, Iowa City IA 52240, 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

EMPLOYING PHARMACY TECHNICIANS WITHOUT CURRENT REGISTRATIONS

1. Respondent is charged with employing pharmacy technicians without current registrations in violation of 657 IAC 3.3 and 8.3(2), and may be disciplined pursuant to Iowa Code section 155A.15(2)(c) and 657 IAC 36.6(26).

B. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

2. Respondent’s pharmacy license number 838 is currently active through December 31, 2021.

3. From August 2019 to February 2021, Respondent employed a certified pharmacy technician with an expired registration.

4. Respondent hired three technician trainees from June 2020 through November 2020, but did not submit technician trainee applications for any of them until February 2021.

C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

5. The Board has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of these proceedings.
6. Respondent acknowledges that the allegations in the Statement of Charges, if proven in a contested case hearing, would constitute grounds for the discipline agreed to in this Order.
7. 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.

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

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:


15. Respondent is hereby **CITED** for employing pharmacy technicians without current registrations and **WARNED** that future violations of the laws and rules governing pharmacies can result in further disciplinary action.

16. Respondent shall pay a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) 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.


17. 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.

6/16/2021
Date


TOWNCREST PHARMACY
Respondent

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on July 14, 2021.


Chairperson
Iowa Board of Pharmacy