

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY

<p>RE: Nonresident Pharmacy License of OPTUM INFUSION SERVICES 501, INC. License No. 5437 Respondent</p>	<p>CASE NO. 2021-0261 COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT, AND FINAL ORDER</p>
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COME NOW the Iowa Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Optum Infusion Services 501, Inc. ("Respondent"), 1650 Spring Gate Ln, Ste 100, Las Vegas NV 89134, 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 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 35.5. The Board has the authority to take disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 155A.13A(5) and 272C.3, and 657 IAC 19.11.

A. STATEMENT OF CHARGES

COUNT I

1. Respondent is charged under 36.6(22) with operating a pharmacy without a current pharmacy license.

B. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

2. Respondent's nonresident pharmacy license number 5437 is currently active through December 31, 2022.

3. Respondent's nonresident pharmacy license was issued on October 13, 2021.

4. In 2021 prior to become licensed in Iowa, Respondent performed front-end prescription processing for approximately 79 prescriptions that were ultimately dispensed into Iowa.

C. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER

5. The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.

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 a hearing before the Board on the charges, but Respondent waives the right to a 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 operating a pharmacy without a current pharmacy license 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 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) 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.

3.15.2022
Date

Laurie Amory
OPTUM INFUSION SERVICES 501, INC.
Respondent

This Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order is approved by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on May 3, 2022.

Kathryn Stone
Chairperson
Iowa Board of Pharmacy