

RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:
Joseph M. Palumbo, DO
License No. DO01071
Complaint No. C24-1086

CONSENT ORDER

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following:

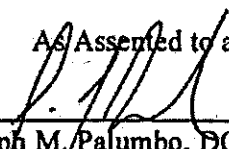
FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Joseph M. Palumbo, DO ("Respondent") has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island since January 21, 2021.
2. On or about September 13, 2024, the Board received notice of a September 4, 2024 Stipulation and Order entered between Respondent and the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy ("Nevada Board"). While Respondent contested the allegations set forth in the complaint pending before the Nevada Board, he acknowledged that the staff prosecuting the case could present evidence to establish that Respondent permitted registered nurses to independently access and administer drugs without direct practitioner supervision, and aided and abetted others to engage in unprofessional conduct as defined by Nevada law, including NRS chapters 454.213 and 639.100(1), as well as NAC chapter 639.945. The Nevada Board placed Respondent on probation for one year and assessed a penalty in the amount of \$2,500.
3. The Investigative Committee of the Board met on December 18, 2024, and, upon review of the State of Nevada Board of Pharmacy Stipulation and Order, found that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-5-5.1(21) which states in pertinent part that any "disciplinary action against a licensed or authorization to practice medicine in another state" constitutes unprofessional conduct.

Based upon the foregoing, the Parties agree as follows:


1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent agrees to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval by the full Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification.
3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) the right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b) the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) the right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) the right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e) the right to further procedural steps, except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
 - g) any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the RI DOH public website.
4. The Board hereby issues an order of reprimand on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Rhode Island. Respondent shall pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.00. The administrative fees must be paid within six (6) months of the ratification of this Consent Order and shall be made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, and delivered to the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn. Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance of this condition to DOH.PRCOMPLIANCE@health.ri.gov within thirty (30) days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
5. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after ratification and approval, the Board or the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health

("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3. If the Board or the Director impose further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of further discipline. The Board or the Director shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. Any administrative hearings, whether initiated by the Board, the Director or Respondent, shall be conducted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3 or R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-8 and 42-35-14(c), the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1), the Rules and Regulations for Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-4), and applicable provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-1 *et seq.*

As Assented to and Signed this 9th day of May 2025.


Joseph M. Palumbo, DO

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 14th day of May 2025.



Staci A. Fischer, MD
Chief Administrative Officer
Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline