

State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF:
John Sappington M.D.
License Number MD 09034
Case # C96-014

AMENDED CONSENT ORDER

John Sappington, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") physician license was reinstated granted on June 14th, 2017. This amendment to the previously ratified consent order, does not represent a new disciplinary action. Respondent has requested to update a previous condition of the order which required him to practice in a group setting with at least one other physician.

FINDINGS OF FACT

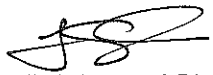
1. Respondent graduated from University of Texas at Houston Medical School June 30th, 1989.
2. Respondent's license was reinstated June 14th, 2017 and there have been no subsequent complaints or disciplinary actions.
3. Respondent is currently employed in clinical practice at Quality Behavioral Health in Warwick, Rhode Island.
4. Respondent has compliant with the Rhode Island Physician Health Committee and agrees to continue monitoring for the next 5 years.

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Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board, and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
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 presented to the Board for consideration and review.
 - h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, Federation of State Medical Boards as well as posted on the department's public web site.
5. Respondent agrees to pay an administrative fee to the Board for costs associating with investigating this application. Petitioner shall submit to the Board within sixty (60) days of ratification of this order, a check made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasury for the amount of \$300.00.


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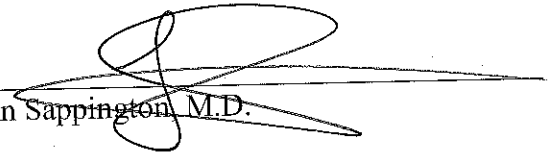
6. Respondent agrees to continue a relationship and follow recommendations with a local addiction medicine physician or addiction medicine psychiatrist and send quarterly reports to the Board for the next 5 years.
7. Respondent agrees to continue to be monitored by the Rhode Island Medical Society Physician Health Committee and follow their recommendations for the next 5 years. Respondent understands the Rhode Island Physician Health Committee will notify the Board if there is a relapse or other breach in their agreement with him.
8. Respondent agrees to practice in a health care setting where there is at least one other licensed health care provider as part of the group.
9. Respondent agrees to continue to check the PDMP before prescribing any controlled substance.
10. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to summarily suspend the Respondent's license and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends the license and/or impose further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of the suspension an/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to the Petitioner of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Petitioner's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder of Petitioner's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.



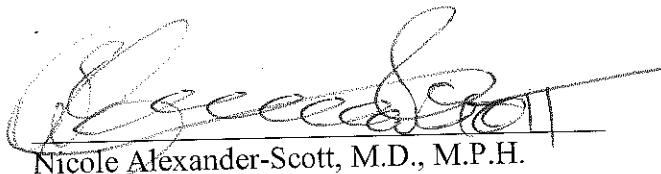
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11. The Respondent's license shall be unrestricted. However, he is subject to his faithful adherence to the conditions established and approved by the Board.

Signed this 13 day of March, 2018.


John Sappington, M.D.

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 11th day of April, 2018.



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