

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**vs.**

**STEVEN J. ARRUDA, RPH (LICENSE #RPH03324)**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws Section 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Steven J. Arruda, RPh (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of RIGL § 5-19.1-21 and Section 27 of the *Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Distributors*. After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent renewed his license as a registered pharmacist on 6/04/12 and answered "YES" to the following question: "I have completed all applicable CE (Continuing Education) requirements for this renewal period as stated in the Rules and Regulations for my profession".
3. A routine audit conducted by the Department on July 11, 2012 demonstrated that the Respondent failed to obtain all continuing education credits required by R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/11 through 6/30/12 renewal period.

Pursuant to Section 5-19.1-21, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist and is able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
  - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
  - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
  - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
  - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
  - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
  - i) Any objection to the fact that the Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing.
  - j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.

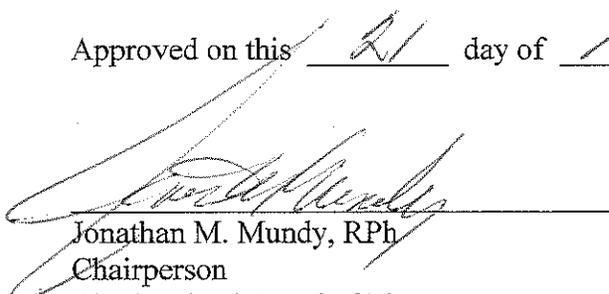
6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
7. Respondent agrees to a Formal Reprimand of his registered pharmacist license.
8. Respondent shall obtain an additional fifteen (15) hours of continuing education credit in addition to the fifteen (15) credit hours of continuing education required under R5-19.1-PHAR-7.4 for the 7/1/12 through 6/30/13 renewal period.  
Respondent shall submit to the Department, on or before 6/30/13, satisfactory evidence demonstrating completion of a total of thirty (30) credit hours (minimum 10 "live" hours) for the 7/1/12 through 6/30/13 renewal period.
9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

Date

2/1/13

  
Steven J. Arruda, RPh  
License # RPH03324

Approved on this 21 day of February 2013

  
Jonathan M. Mundy, RPh  
Chairperson  
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy