STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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In re: Bruce Noxon, DPM)	Docket No. MPS 093-0624
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STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

NOW COME Bruce Noxon, DPM, and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and stipulate and agree as follows:

- Bruce Noxon, DPM ("Respondent") of Breckenridge, Colorado holds Vermont podiatry license number 056.0000211 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on July 5, 2024. Respondent is a podiatrist.
- Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Board pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 321, 375-376, 1353-1354, 1370-1374, and 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Findings of Fact

- Respondent is a podiatrist who maintains a practice in Breckenridge, Colorado and Glenview, Illinois.
- 4. The Board opened this matter in August 2024 after it received information from a pharmacist expressing concern that a podiatrist from Colorado was prescribing buprenorphine to patients in Vermont. The Board assigned the investigation of the matter to the South Investigative Committee.
- 5. Respondent first prescribed buprenorphine for treatment of substance use disorder to a patient in Vermont on March 19, 2024, and issued 30 prescriptions for buprenorphine to Vermont patients before he began the application for his Vermont podiatry license on March 31, 2024.

- 6. Respondent issued 211 prescriptions for buprenorphine to Vermont patients before his Vermont podiatry license was issued on July 5, 2024.
- 7. Respondent continued to prescribe buprenorphine to Vermont patients until he was contacted by the Board and agreed to cease writing prescriptions for medications to treat substance use disorder via a Voluntary Limitation of Practice Agreement on March 3, 2025.
- 8. The Committee did not receive any reports or complaints that Respondent's prescriptions of buprenorphine caused harm or injury to Vermont patients.
- 9. Respondent cooperated with the Committee's investigation and provided relevant information to the Committee.

Conclusions of Law

- 10. It is unprofessional conduct for a podiatrist to practice beyond the scope permitted by law. 26 V.S.A. § 375(c)(4).
- 11. A podiatry license authorizes a podiatrist to provide medical, mechanical, surgical, electrical, manipulation, strapping, or bandaging treatment of the ailments pertaining to the human foot and lower leg distal to the myotendinous junction of the triceps surae. 26 V.S.A. § 321(3).
- 12. Consistent with Respondent's cooperation with the Board, he acknowledges that if the State were to file charges it could satisfy its burden at a hearing and a finding adverse to him could be entered by the Board pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 375(c)(4).
- 13. Respondent agrees that the Board may adopt as its facts and conclusions in this matter Paragraphs 1-19 and further agrees that this is an adequate basis for the Board actions set forth herein. Any representation by Respondent herein is made solely for the purposes set forth in this agreement.

- 14. Therefore, in the interest of Respondent's desire to fully and finally resolve the matter presently before the Board, he has determined that he shall enter into this agreement with the Board. Respondent enters no further admissions here, but to resolve this matter without further time, expense, and uncertainty he has concluded that this agreement is acceptable and in the best interest of the parties.
- 15. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this document he is waiving any right to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, to be presented with a specification of charges and evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to offer evidence of his own to contest any allegations by the State.
- 16. The parties agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Stipulation and Consent Order, and pursuant to the terms herein, the above-captioned matter shall be resolved by the Board. Thereafter, the Board will take no further action as to this matter absent non-compliance with the terms and conditions of this document by Respondent.
- 17. This Stipulation and Consent Order is conditioned upon its acceptance by the Board. If the Board rejects any part of this document, the entire agreement shall be considered void. Respondent agrees that if the Board does not accept this agreement in its current form, he shall not assert in any subsequent proceeding any claim of prejudice from any such prior consideration. If the Board rejects any part of this agreement, none of its terms shall bind Respondent or constitute an admission of any of the facts of the alleged misconduct, it shall not be used against Respondent in any way, it shall be kept in strict confidence, and it shall be without prejudice to any future disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination of any charge against Respondent.

- 18. Respondent acknowledges and understands that this Stipulation and Consent
 Order shall be a matter of public record, shall be entered in his permanent Board file, shall
 constitute an enforceable legal agreement, and may and shall be reported to other licensing
 authorities, including but not limited to the Federation of State Medical Boards Board Action
 Databank and the National Practitioner Data Bank. In exchange for the actions by the Board,
 as set forth herein, Respondent expressly agrees to be bound by all terms and conditions of this
 Stipulation and Consent Order.
- 19. The parties therefore agree that should the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Consent Order be deemed acceptable by the Board, it may enter an order implementing the terms and conditions herein.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing and the consent of Respondent, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- Respondent shall be REPRIMANDED for the conduct set forth above.
- 2. Respondent shall pay an ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY of \$10,000 pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1374(b)(1)(A)(iii). Payment shall be made to the "State of Vermont Board of Medical Practice" and shall be sent to the Vermont Board of Medical Practice at the following address: David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice, 280 State Drive, Waterbury, Vermont 05671-8320. The payment shall be due no later than six (6) months after this Stipulation and Consent Order is approved by the Board.

SIGNATURES

Dated at Rutland, Vermont, this 25th day of August, 2025.

Suzanne Jones, PA-C

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Chair, South Investigative Committee Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Dated at Glenview, Illinois, this 25th day of August, 2025.

Bruce Noxon, DPM

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 21st day of August, 2025.

/s/ Kurt A. Kuehl

Kurt A. Kuehl

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Vermont Attorney General's Office

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Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 25th day of August, 2025.

/s/ Nicole Andreson

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Counsel for Respondent

AS TO BRUCE NOXON, DPM APPROVED AND ORDERED VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

	Hildebrant, M.D. r, Vermont Board of Medical Practice
	numented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes, ptember 3, 2025.
Dated:	9/3/2025

Signed on behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice