

STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: Robert L. Venman, M.D.) Docket No. MPN 96-0711

CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME the State of Vermont, by and through Vermont Attorney General
William H. Sorrell, and Robert L. Venman, M.D., and stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Robert L. Venman, M.D. ("Respondent") of Middlebury, Vermont holds Vermont medical license number 042-0004801 issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on October 11, 1972. Respondent is a general practice physician with a private practice medical office in Middlebury, Vermont.
2. Jurisdiction in these matters vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice ("the Board"), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Background

3. The Board opened the above-captioned matter upon receipt of information from a pharmacist concerning Respondent's prescribing practices.
4. Respondent is presently subject to the terms of a prior Stipulation and Consent Order, *In re: Robert L. Venman, M.D.*, MPN 35-0309, which concerned a complaint that Respondent "prescribed, dispensed or administered controlled substances in an excessive or improper manner."

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Cessation of Practice

5. Respondent acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice of counsel regarding this matter before the Board and in reviewing this agreement. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings, and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions herein.
6. **It is agreed by the parties that Respondent will cease the practice of medicine in the State of Vermont on December 31, 2013.**
7. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients after December 31, 2013. No prescriptions or prescription refills written by Respondent shall extend for a time beyond December 31, 2103.
8. Not later than November 30, 2013, Respondent shall give up and discontinue his U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) registration which allows him to prescribe controlled substances (commonly known as a “DEA number”) following whatever process the DEA requires to do so. Respondent shall provide written notice to the Board upon discontinuation.
9. Not later than 30 days after Board approval of this Cessation of Practice Agreement, Respondent shall notify all of his patients, in writing: (a) that his practice will be ending on December 31, 2013; (b) that they will need to find other sources of care; and (c) that no prescriptions will continue past December 31, 2013. Respondent shall also provide the Board with a copy of this written notice.

10. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. § 1353 and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.

11. The parties agree that this agreement does not constitute disciplinary action.

However, the parties acknowledge that this Cessation of Practice Agreement shall be a public document and shall be made a part of Respondent's licensing file.

Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" on December 31, 2013. It is understood and agreed by the parties that this designation does not signify that disciplinary action has been taken by the Board.

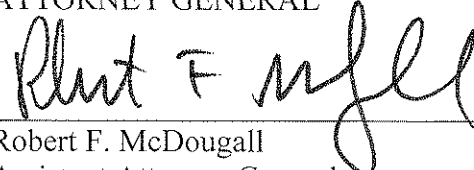
12. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and shall not become effective until presented to and approved by the Board. If the Board rejects any part of this agreement, the entire agreement shall be considered void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter an order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein. Respondent agrees that the Board of Medical Practice shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

SIGNATURES

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 30th day of July, 2013.

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DATED at _____, Vermont, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

Robert L. Venman, M.D.

Respondent

DATED at _____, Vermont, this ____ day of _____, 2013.

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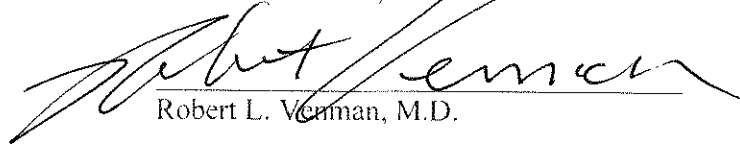
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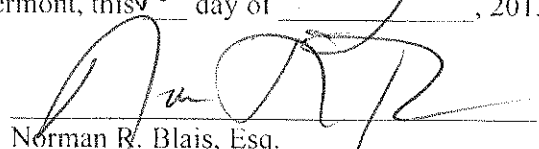
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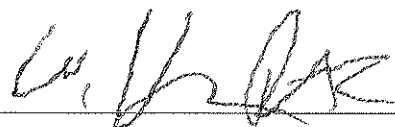
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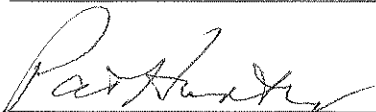
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AS TO ROBERT L. VENMAN, M.D.

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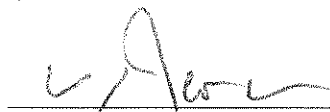


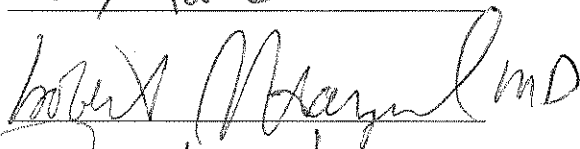


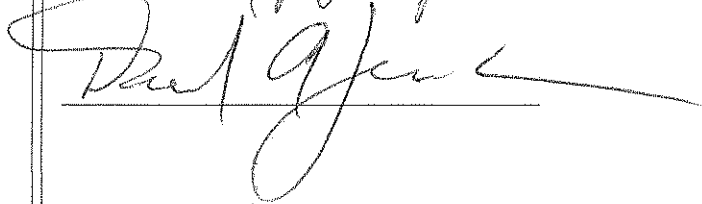









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DATED: August 7, 2013

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