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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF  
PODIATRY EXAMINERS**

IN THE MATTER OF:

ALAN SHIH, DPM,

**Holder of License No. 000577**  
For the Practice of Podiatry  
In the State of Arizona.

Case No.: 21-06-C

**ORDER FOR CONTINUING  
EDUCATION**

**(NON-DISCIPLINARY)**

At its meeting on June 10, 2021, the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (Board) voted to issue Alan Shih, DPM (Respondent), a non-disciplinary Continuing Education (CE) Order (Order) to address issues raised in the complaint and Board's subsequent investigation. The Board, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-852.01(C)(3), determined that while the conduct was not of sufficient seriousness to merit direct action, Respondent would, as set forth below, benefit from completing a prescribed number of hours of CE in a specific practice area for purposes of providing him with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills procedures or treatment.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners is the duly constituted agency for licensing and regulating of the practice of podiatry in the State of Arizona and has jurisdiction over Respondent as a licensee of the Board and the subject matter pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-801, *et seq.*

2. Respondent is the holder of License Number 000577 which enables him to practice podiatry in the State of Arizona.

3. At the Board's July 14, 2021, monthly meeting it moved to issue this Order for Continuing Education. The Board found that the Respondent's medical documentation was lacking crucial information that could negatively affect patient's continuity of care if they were transferred or found a new podiatrist. The Board also found that the Respondent's communication with the patient was poor and that either too much information or not enough information was provided to

1 the patient which could have been the reason for the complaint. Lastly, the Board found, based on  
2 the statements of the Respondent at the meeting that there were considerable questions regarding  
3 the Respondent's process to ensure that each patient received adequate informed consent.

4 4. Based on the investigative record and the discussion with the Respondent, including  
5 the issues noted above, the Board found that the Respondent would benefit from Continuing  
6 Education in the areas of medical documentation, patient communication and informed consent.

7 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Respondent  
9 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-801 *et seq.*

10 2. The Board has the authority to issue a non-disciplinary Order for Continuing  
11 Education pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-852.01(C)(3), if it believes the Respondent would benefit from  
12 completing a prescribed number of hours of CE in a specific practice area for purposes of  
13 providing him with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills, procedures or  
14 treatment.

15 ORDER

16 1. **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that within **six months** from the effective date of this  
17 Order, Respondent shall complete a minimum of **nine** total hours of Board pre-approved CE.  
18 Respondent shall complete **three** hours of CE in the area of medical documentation; **three** hours  
19 in the area of patient communication; **three** hours in the area of informed consent. The CE hours  
20 shall be in addition to the hours required for the annual renewal of his podiatry license, and can be  
21 completed online.

22 2. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall, within **six months** of the  
23 effective date of this Order, provide Board staff with proof of attendance in satisfaction of this  
24 requirement.

25 3. Respondent shall within **60 days** of the effective date of this order submit his  
26 request for CE to the Board for pre-approval.



1 Original of the foregoing was e-filed  
this 14th day of July 2021 with the:

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