## BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF:

**STEVEN MOORE, DPM,** 

**Holder of License No. POD-000802** For the Practice of Podiatry In the State of Arizona.

#### Case No.: 22-09-B

ORDER FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

# (NON-DISCIPLINARY)

At its meeting on July 12, 2023, the Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners (Board) voted to issue Steven Moore, DPM, (Respondent), a non-disciplinary Continuing Education (CE) Order (Order) to address issues raised in the complaint and the 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 or areas 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 0802 which enables him to practice podiatry in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated this investigation after the Respondent indicated on his 2022 renewal application that he was the subject of a malpractice claim, as required by the application. The Respondent indicated the claim related to excessive use of steroid injections and fraudulent billing.

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At the Board's February 8, 2023, meeting the Respondent was present

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1 telephonically and his attorney, Kenneth Moskow, was present physically. The Board discussed 2 the allegations with the Respondent and his attorney and found no violation of Board statute or 3 rule. They did, however, determine that the Respondent's treatment records failed to include 4 required information and incorrectly denoted certain treatments.

5. During discussion, Respondent admitted that the records were incomplete and not consistent with the procedures and types of injections that were given to the patient. The records noted multiple "steroid" and one "decadron" injection that were actually "amniotic" injections for healing purposes. Additionally, the Respondent admitted that specific consent forms did not contain the name and description of the procedures to be performed, or a completed diagram, but were signed by the patient.

11 6. The Board found that Respondent should have documented the correct therapeutic 12 and diagnostic treatments in the patient record for the purposes of continuity of care. The Board 13 also found that the Respondent's informed consent documents should always have the name of the 14 procedure and a description or diagram to assist the patient in understanding the treatment to be provided. 15

16 7. Based on the investigative record and the discussion with the Respondent, including 17 the issues noted above, the Board found that the Respondent would benefit from Continuing 18 Education in the areas listed below in the Order.

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## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

22 2. The Board has the authority to issue a non-disciplinary Order for Continuing 23 Education pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-852.01(C)(3), if it believes the Respondent would benefit from 24 completing a prescribed number of hours of CE in a specific practice area for purposes of 25 providing him with the necessary understanding of current developments, skills, procedures or 26 treatment.

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| 1  | <u>ORDER</u>  |
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| 2  | 1. <b>IT IS HEREBY ORDERED</b> that within <b>six months</b> from the effective date of this            |
| 3  | Order, Respondent shall complete a minimum of SIX total hours of Board pre-approved CE in the           |
| 4  | following area: documentation and record keeping. The CE hours shall be in addition to the hours        |
| 5  | required for the annual renewal of his podiatry license.  |
| 6  | 2. <b>IT IS FURTHER ORDERED</b> that Respondent shall, within <b>six months</b> of the                  |
| 7  | effective date of this Order, provide Board staff with proof of attendance in satisfaction of this      |
| 8  | requirement.  |
| 9  | 3. Respondent shall within <b>60 days</b> of the effective date of this order submit his                |
| 10 | request for CE to the Board for pre-approval.   |
| 11 | 4. Respondent's failure to timely comply with the Order will subject him to future                      |
| 12 | disciplinary action by the Board. A.R.S. § 32-854.01(21).   |
| 13 | 5. The effective date of the Order is the date it is signed by the Board's Executive                    |
| 14 | Director on behalf of the Board President.  |
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| 16 | RIGHT TO APPEAL   |
| 17 | NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.03(B), you may                                |
| 18 | request a formal hearing by notifying the Board in writing within thirty-five (35) days from date       |
| 19 | of this Order. If you request a formal hearing, you also have the right to request an informal          |
| 20 | settlement conference by filing a written request with the Board, pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.06,      |
| 21 | no later than twenty (20) days before the scheduled hearing. The conference will be held within         |
| 22 | fifteen (15) days after receipt of your request. Please note that you waive any right to object to the  |
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| 24 | participation of the Board's representative in the final administrative decision of the matter if it is |
| 25 | not settled at the conference.  |
| 26 | DATED THIS 18 <sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2023   |

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| 1      | ARIZONA BOARD OF PODIATRY EXAMINERS  |
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| 2      | By: Barbara a. Campbell, D.P.M.  |
| 3      | By:<br>Brbara A. Campbell, D.P.M., Board President   |
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| 4<br>5 | Original of the foregoing was e-filed<br>this 18th day of July, 2023 with the:   |
|        | Arizona State Board of Podiatry Examiners  |
| 6      | 1740 West Adams Street, Suite 3004<br>Phoenix, Arizona 85007   |
| 7      | Copies of the foregoing sent by Electronic,<br>Certified and Regular mail<br>this 18th day of July, 2023 to:<br>Dr. Steven Moore, DPM<br>Address of Record<br><i>Respondent</i>  |
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| 12     | Kenneth Moskow, Esq.<br>Jones, Skelton & Hochuli, P.L.C.<br>40 N. Central Ave., Ste. 2700  |
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| 14     | Phoenix, AZ 85004<br>Attorney for the Respondent   |
| 15     | Copy of the foregoing sent via Electronic mail<br>this 18th day of July, 2023 to:<br>Seamus Monaghan<br>Assistant Attorney General<br>2005 N. Central Avenue, SGD/LES<br>Phoenix, Arizona 85004<br><i>Attorney for the Board</i> |
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