# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY KENTUCKY BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN RE:

CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE # 5113 HELD BY Stephen John Abro, D.C. Administrative Case #18-020

Steven John Abro D.C.

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#### AGREED ORDER

#### **Parties**

WHEREAS, the parties to the Agreed Order herein are the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," and Stephen John Abro D.C., hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent";

#### Jurisdiction

**WHEREAS,** the Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to KRS Chapter 312 and the related administrative regulations;

## History

**WHEREAS,** the Board alleges that Respondent treated patient beginning in August of 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** during the Respondent's treatment, patient became alarmed and complained to the Board about Respondent's conduct; and

WHEREAS, the Board wrote to Respondent inquiring about Patient

complaint on September 4, 2018; and

**WHEREAS,** Respondent failed to respond to Board's written inquiry within twenty (20) days, as required by 201 KAR 21:015 Section 3(1)(b), 201 KAR 21:051 Section 1 (2)(b).

**WHEREAS,** the parties mutually desire to settle the issues in an expeditious manner, without the need for any additional hearings or appeals.

#### Terms of Agreement

**THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed** between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved upon the following terms:

- 1) The Respondent shall carefully review the Agreed Order herein and enters into this Agreed Order knowingly, willingly and voluntarily and after having reviewed the due process rights afforded to the Respondent under KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying regulations;
- 2) The Respondent, Steven John Abro, D.C., accepts the reprimand of the Board for the above-stated violations. Respondent admits no wrongdoing, but agrees that the Board presented sufficient evidence to possibly prevail at an administrative hearing. Respondent agrees to act more diligently in the future to insure that he complies with KRS Chapter 312 and the accompanying administrative regulations;
  - 3) The Respondent pay a fine of \$250.00
- 4) The Respondent acknowledges that he is ineligible for participation in any chiropractic preceptorship program for two (2) years pursuant to 201 KAR 21:085(2)(7);
  - 5) The Respondent understands that this Agreement may serve as the

basis of enhancement for any future disciplinary action; and

6) The Respondent, Steven John Abro, D.C., agrees that the failure to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreed Order may result in the Board setting the matter for an administrative hearing in accord with KRS Chapter 13B.

#### Voluntary Waiver of Rights

The Respondent, Steven John Abro, D.C., has had the opportunity at all times to seek advice from competent counsel of choice. No coercion has been exerted upon the Respondent, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Agreed Order.

#### Publication of Settlement Agreement

The Respondent acknowledges that, once adopted by the Board, this Agreed Order may be considered a public document, available for inspection at any time by any member of the public under the Kentucky Open Records Act, and may be reportable under federal law. This Agreed Order may at any time be published on the Board's website, <a href="https://www.kbce.ky.gov">www.kbce.ky.gov</a>.

## Complete Agreement

This Agreed Order consists of five (5) pages and embodies the entire agreement between the Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners and Stephen John Abro D.C. It may not be altered, amended or modified without the express written consent of both parties.

# Have Seen, Understood and Approved:

Steven John Abro, D.C. License No. 5113 Respondent	
Jeffrey Smith, D.C. President Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners	

### Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing **Agreed**Order was mailed via U.S. mail, postage pre-paid to the following this 28th day of December, 2018:

Steven John Abro D.C.

Respondent

Hon. M. Keith Poynter

Board Counsel

And the original shall be maintained by the Board.

Karalee P. Oldenkamp, D.C.
Executive Director

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