

BEFORE THE INDIANA
BOARD OF PHARMACY
CAUSE NUMBER: 2013 IBP 0008

IN THE MATTER OF THE INDIANA
HOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT
SERVICE PROVIDER OF:

AMERICAN MEDICAL
OXYGEN SALES CORP.
LICENSE NUMBER: 69000056A.

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**FINAL ORDER ACCEPTING PROPOSED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF
LAW AND ORDER**

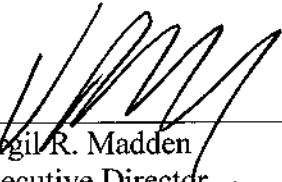
The State of Indiana ("Petitioner"), by the Office of the Attorney General, by Deputy Attorney General Darren R. Covington and American Medical Oxygen Sales Corp. ("Respondent"), signed a Proposed Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") which purports to resolve all issues involved in the action by the Petitioner and the Indiana Board of Pharmacy ("Board") regarding the Respondent's license, and which Agreement has been submitted to the Board for approval.

The Board, after reviewing the Agreement at the April 8, 2013, meeting held in Room W064 of the Indiana Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, now finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Board hereby incorporates the Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein as Exhibit A, and approves and adopts in full the Agreement as a resolution of this matter. The Board approved this Agreement, by a vote of 5-0-1. Incorporated into the Agreement was the consensus of both parties to Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

WHEREFORE, the Board hereby accepts and approves the Agreement, settling all matters in this case consistent with the terms of the Agreement between the parties, and Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to abide by all the terms of the Agreement.

ORDERED, this 18 day of April, 2013.

INDIANA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: 
Virgil R. Madden
Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the "Final Order Accepting Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order" has been duly served upon:

* American Medical Oxygen Sales Corp.
c/o Joseph Newell
2701 Beech St., Ste. C
Valparaiso, IN 46383
Service by U.S. Mail

Darren R. Covington, Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Indiana Attorney General
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street, Fifth Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Service by E-Mail

4/18/13
Date

Jackie Day
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Indiana Board of Pharmacy
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American Medical Oxygen Sales Corp.
c/o Joseph Newell
2701 Beech St., Ste. C
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Re: In the matter of the license of American Medical Sales Corp.
Before the Indiana Board of Pharmacy

Dear Mr. Newell:

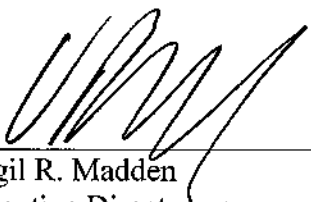
This letter of reprimand is issued as part of the Settlement Agreement reached between you and the State resulting from charges filed by the Office of the Attorney General on January 17, 2013 with the Indiana Board of Pharmacy.

The purpose of this reprimand is to stress the important responsibility that you have by reason of possessing a license to practice as a home medical equipment provider in this state. As a home medical equipment provider, you are responsible for ensuring that your practice is in accordance with the standards of the profession.

The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this official reprimand.

Sincerely,

By:

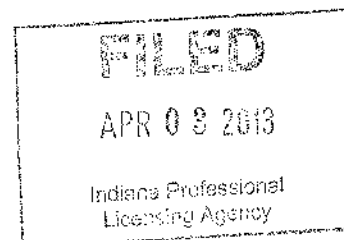


Virgil R. Madden
Executive Director
Indiana Professional Licensing Agency

Exhibit A

BEFORE THE INDIANA
BOARD OF PHARMACY
2013 IBP 0008

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)
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AMERICAN MEDICAL OXYGEN SALES CORP.)
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LICENSE NO. 69000056A (ACTIVE))



PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The State of Indiana (Petitioner), by Darren R. Covington, Deputy Attorney General, and American Medical Oxygen Sales Corp. (Respondent), by Joseph Newell, hereby execute this Agreement to a disposition of the Complaint filed in this cause. This Agreement is subject to the review and approval of the Indiana State Board of Pharmacy (Board) pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9 et seq. and the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Ind. Code § 4-21.5-3 et seq.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. Respondent's address on file with the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency is 1708 Lincolnway, Suite C, Valparaiso, Indiana 46383.
2. Respondent is a licensed home medical equipment services provider in the State of Indiana having been issued license number 69000056A on July 14, 2006.
3. Respondent has operated as a durable medical equipment provider since 1960 and currently has three locations – Hammond, Valparaiso, and LaPorte, Indiana. The corporate headquarters are located in Hammond.
4. On or around May 10, 2012, Respondent relocated from its facility at 1708 Lincolnway, Suite C to 2701 Beech Street in Valparaiso. Respondent failed to notify the Board of this move prior to moving.

EXHIBIT A

5. On or around July 3, 2012, Wanda Levendoski, Compliance Officer, Indiana Board of Pharmacy, conducted an inspection at the facility on Beech Street. Levendoski issued a "fail" to Respondent. Levendoski cited, among other items, the following deficiencies for this location: no policy and procedure manuals for personnel policies, equipment maintenance policies, quality assurance policies, vehicle policies; no current patient records or employee files; and, failure to properly clean, repair, store, segregate, or identify equipment.

6. On or around July 30, 2012, Respondent, in a letter to Petitioner, indicated that policy and procedure manuals for personnel policies, equipment maintenance policies, quality assurance policies, vehicle policies, patient records, and employee files were maintained at the Hammond office.

7. A settlement conference was held on February 11, 2013, at which time the Board's designee recommended that a re-inspection be done.

8. On or around February 28, 2013, a compliance officer for the Board inspected Respondent's new facility and received a "pass" inspection.

9. Respondent's license has now been transferred to the Beech Street location.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The parties further stipulate:

1. Respondent violated Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4(a)(3) in that Respondent has violated Ind. Code § 25-26-21-8 as evidenced by Respondent's failure to notify the Board of its move from Lincolnway to Beech Street in Valparaiso, and failure to have the license transferred to the Beech Street address.

AGREED DISPOSITION

It is now therefore agreed by the Respondent and Petitioner as follows:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter in this disciplinary action.
2. The parties execute this Agreement voluntarily.
3. Both parties voluntarily waive their rights to a public hearing on the Complaint.
4. Petitioner agrees that the terms of this Agreement will resolve any and all pending claims or allegations relating to disciplinary action against the Respondent's Indiana home medical equipment provider license.
5. Respondent's Indiana pharmacist license shall be issued a **LETTER OF REPRIMAND** attached as Exhibit A.
6. Within thirty (30) days of the Board's Order, Respondent shall pay a **FINE** in the amount of **ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00)** payable to the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency.
7. Within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board's Order, Respondent shall, pursuant to Indiana Code 4-6-14-10 (b), pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) within thirty (30) days of the date of the Final Order in this matter, to be deposited into the Health Records and Personal Identifying Information Protection Trust Fund. This fee shall be paid by check or money order made payable to the State of Indiana, and submitted to the following address:

Indiana Office of the Attorney General
Attn: Katherine Lee
302 West Washington Street, 5th Floor
Indianapolis, IN 46204

8. The Respondent has carefully read and examined this Agreement and fully understands its terms and that, subject to a final order issued by the Board, this Agreement is a final disposition of all matters and not subject to further review.

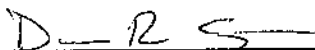
9. The Respondent further understands that a violation of the Final Order, any non-compliance with the statutes or regulations regarding the practice of pharmacy, or any violation of the Agreement may result in the Petitioner requesting an emergency suspension of the Respondent's license, an Order to Show Cause as may be issued by the Board, or a new cause of action pursuant to Ind. Code § 25-1-9-4, any or all of which could lead to additional sanctions, up to and including a revocation of the Respondent's license.

10. The parties agree to the continuing jurisdiction of the Board and that the discipline agreed to, terms of discipline, and licensure status will apply even if the Board renews the Respondent's license at a later date.



Joseph Newell

3-28-13
Date



Darren R. Covington
Deputy Attorney General
Atty. No. 28511-16

4/3/13
Date