

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of

Scott Abrahamson, D.C.,  
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) Case # 2020-2002  
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) Stipulated Final Order  
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The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Scott Abrahamson, D.C. (Licensee), is currently licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the OBCE.

Findings of Fact

1.

Patient 1 treated with Licensee from December 16, 2019, through May 29, 2020. Patient 1 had been in a motor vehicle accident. The patient was provided chiropractic treatment from Licensee between 6 and 12 visits. Prior to receiving treatment, Patient 1 and Licensee had been personal friends for over 30 years.

Chart notes from Licensee for Patient 1 show billings submitted for payment for 77 visits initially and Licensee then resending them to insurance for coverage for 55 separate visits. Licensee's statement to the insurance company investigator indicated that Licensee claimed Patient 1 had received 55 treatments and those billings were an accurate representation of the treatment received. Licensee denied any scheme to defraud the insurance company.

In communications from Licensee to Patient 1 via text on June 15, 2020, Licensee stated "by the way, if your insurance company contacts you, I have told them that I have been seeing you every other day." This upset Patient 1 as he felt Licensee was asking the patient to commit  
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fraud. Patient 1 confirmed in a Board interview he was not seen 55 or 77 visits by Licensee and was not complicit in his billing scheme to the insurance company. He confirmed he was seen between 6 and 12 times.

In a Board investigative interview sometime later, Licensee provided a different response, admitting that Patient 1 did not have 55 or 77 medical treatments, with an explanation that cast blame on clerical billing errors in his office due to staffing issues, but eventually admitted to the Board investigator that he did bill the insurance company originally for 55 visits that Patient 1 did not receive.

The Board finds Licensee's explanations of his billing submitted lack consistency and are contrary to the information provided from the insurance company and from the Board's investigation. The Board found in their investigation evidence contrary to Licensee's version of events.

#### Conclusions of Law

##### 2.

The conduct described above is a violation of ORS 684.100(1)(a), (f)(A), and (q); Fraud and misrepresentation, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and gross incompetency or negligence. It also violates OAR 811-035-0015(5) charging a patient for services not rendered, (7) directly or indirectly engaging in dishonest or misleading fee collection techniques; and (12) perpetrating fraud upon patients or third-party payors, relating to the practice of chiropractic.

##### 3.

#### Stipulation

Therefore, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) and ORS 684.100(9)(f) the OBCE orders:

1. The parties have agreed to enter this Stipulated Final Order. Licensee agrees that he is aware of his right to a hearing with his attorney present to contest the charges and hereby waives that right and agrees to entry of this order. Licensee agrees to waive

any right to appeal. The parties wish to settle and resolve the above matter without further proceedings.

2. Licensee agrees to a suspension until he unconditionally passes ProBe as specified in paragraph 3. Licensee may not provide treatment or chiropractic services and will abide by all requirements of OAR 811-015-0080 during his suspension. Upon unconditionally passing ProBe and Board approval of Licensee's essay, Licensee will have his license reinstated by the Board.
3. Licensee agrees to attend and successfully and unconditionally complete and pass the ProBe ethics program within six months of the date of the final order, and provide a certificate of successful completion of the program to the Board within 30 days of completion along with a final report as required by that program; attendance of ProBe is not to be counted as continuing education for regular licensure but is in addition to that amount required; Licensee will not be allowed to practice until the Board receives verification of passage as cited above.
4. Following reinstatement of licensure, Licensee will be on probation for a continuous period of 18 months. Licensee is prohibited from soliciting, teaching, and being paid for continuing education classes during the first 12 months. Licensee agrees to cooperate with the Board staff regarding probation inquiries. If Licensee violates any terms of his probation, Licensee agrees that his license would be permanently revoked. Licensee is entitled to a contested case as to whether he violated the terms of probation and waives challenge to the sanction of revocation. Prior to being released from probation, Licensee agrees to an interview with the Board.

5. After 12 months of probation, Licensee can provide evidence and a proposal to the Board to resume teaching and soliciting continuing education classes. The Board will require evidence of ethical rehabilitation and competence to teach the CE courses. The 18 and 12 month periods begin when Licensee's license is reinstated by the Board. Paragraphs 5 and 6 in this document supersede case number 2020-5011 paragraph 4 of the Stipulated Order.
6. Licensee agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$600 to be paid to the Board within 90 days this order becomes final;
7. Failure to abide by this stipulation may result in further discipline up to and including revocation.
8. This order is public and is reportable to NPDB.
9. This order is effective on the date signed by the Board.

DATED this 8th day of ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup>, 2023.

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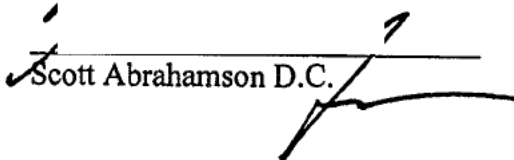
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By:

Cassandra C. McLeod- Skinner, J.D.  
Executive Director

DATED: Mar 8, 2023

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Scott Abrahamson D.C.

### **Certificate of Service**

I, Cassandra C. McLeod-Skinner, certify that on the \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2023, I served the foregoing Stipulated Final Order upon the party hereto by email, via his attorney, and by mailing, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

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