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**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON**

6 In the Matter of)
7) STIPULATED FINAL
8 Patrick Owen, D.C.) ORDER
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12 Licensee.) Case # 2005 - 5003

15 The Board of Chiropractic Examiners (Board) is the state agency responsible for
16 licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Patrick
17 Owen, D.C. (Licensee), is licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic physician in the
18 State of Oregon. The Board proposes to discipline Licensee for the following reasons.

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21 On September 1, 1999, Licensee signed a Stipulated Final Order in cases number 97-1011
22 and 99-1001. That order required in paragraph 5 of License Limitations:

23 Licensee is assessed the costs of this proceeding in the amount of \$13,444.05 pursuant to
24 ORS 684.100(9)(g). This does not include billings or costs for July-August 1999 to be
25 provided within thirty days of August 31, 1999.
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29 At Licensee's request in September 1999, the Board agreed to allow Licensee to start his
30 monthly payments for costs in January 2001. During June 2001, with no payments being made
31 to the Board by Licensee, Licensee was contacted and requested the board agree to a two year
32 hardship waiver based on his dire financial condition. The Board agreed to that two year waiver,
33 which exempted Licensee from making any payments during that time. The waiver was allowed
34 through July 31, 2002. Licensee failed to begin payments starting August 2002. During October
35 2002, Board staff contacted Licensee and an agreement was reached that he would pay \$100 per
36 month by the 15th of each month. From October 2002 through October 2003, Licensee paid \$100
37 per month. From October 2003 through April 2004, Licensee made payments sporadically. By
38 September 2004, Licensee was five months in arrears.
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On January 25, 2005, Licensee paid the past due amount and then asked for other payment arrangements. In March 2005, the Board agreed to reduce the payment to \$50 a month for a one year period. One payment was made March 24, 2005 by Licensee. On May 3, 2005, Licensee again wrote to the Board and requested that the debt be forgiven and requested leniency on enforcing the order. Of the original amount owed, \$13,444.05, only \$2,740 has been paid by Licensee since 1999. The Board has been very patient in allowing numerous waivers and extensions of time to allow Licensee to get his financial affairs resolved. Licensee is not abiding by the agreement he entered into in 1999.

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The Board finds that Licensee's failure to make payments as agreed in his Stipulated Final Order is a violation of ORS 684.100 (1)(g); OAR 811-035-0015(23).

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Due to the aforementioned violations, the OBCE issued a Notice of Proposed Suspension of License on July 26, 2005 to indefinitely suspend the licensee of Licensee until full and final payment has been received. That amount is \$10,705.05

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Licensee did not request a contested case hearing within 30 days. Subsequently licensee faxed a letter to the OBCE on September 21, 2005 explaining his continued financial difficulties. The OBCE has taken those into consideration in offering this Stipulated Final Order to accept a payment plan from Licensee.

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Stipulations

This matter having come properly before and been considered by the Board, and Licensee having voluntarily stipulated and consented to the issuance and entry of this order by signing below,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Licensee agrees to make monthly payments of at least \$100, due and payable by the 1st day of every month, until the remaining amount owed of \$10,705.05 is paid.
2. If ten calendar days pass the 1st of the month, and payment is not received, Licensee agrees that his chiropractic license will be automatically suspended until that month's payment is received.
3. If Licensee falls more than 90 days behind in payments, then the entire amount still owed becomes due and payable.

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4 Effective upon the signing of both parties.
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6 BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
7 State of Oregon

8 Original Signatures on file
9 at the OBCE Office
10 By:

11 Dave McTeague, Executive Director

12 Date: 10-26-2005
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15 By: Patrick Owen DC

16 Date: 11/7/05

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