

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MICHAEL FINE, M.D., IN HIS CAPACITY
AS DIRECTOR OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN THE MATTER OF:
TADEUSZ SZTYKOWSKI, D.AC.
LICENSE NUMBER: DA00020

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Now comes the Director of Health of the State of Rhode Island and, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §§ 23-1-20, after initial investigation of complaints pertaining to Tadeusz Szykowski, D.Ac. ("Respondent") makes the following Findings and Order:

FINDINGS

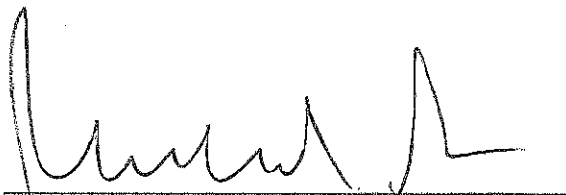
1. Respondent has been licensed as a doctor of acupuncture in Rhode Island since 1991, is a graduate of New England School of Acupuncture, and maintains a practice at the Center for Preventative Medicine located at 191 Nashua Street, Providence, RI 02904.
2. Respondent is advising patients to discontinue (legend drug) medications prescribed by the patients' physician without Respondent first coordinating such advice with the prescribing physician.
3. Respondent's action as set forth above is outside the doctor of acupuncture scope of practice for which Respondent is licensed.
4. Based on the above information, the Department of Health finds Respondent is in violation of RIGL § 5-37.2 and the *Rules and Regulations for Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Acupuncture Assistants* [R5-37.2-ACU].

COMPLIANCE ORDER

After consideration of the above findings and a review of Department of Health records that demonstrate the accuracy of the above findings, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Respondent **CEASE AND DESIST** advising patients to discontinue using medications prescribed by the patients' physician and comply with this order immediately or face legal sanctions pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws and the *Rules and Regulations for Licensing Doctors of Acupuncture and Acupuncture Assistants* [R5-37-ACU].
2. This order shall take effect immediately upon Respondent's receipt of this Compliance Order, pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-1-20.
3. Respondent has a right to request a hearing on this Compliance Order within ten days of receiving the order, and shall have a hearing with at least five days' notice of its date, time and place, in accordance with Rhode Island General Law § 23-1-22.
4. If no hearing shall be requested within ten days of service of this Compliance Order upon Respondent, then this Order shall become effective thereupon pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-1-23.
5. The issuance of this Compliance Order is not a final adjudication of any complaint, and Respondent still faces further investigation and possible disciplinary action as a result of the filing of the above-referenced complaints.

Entered on this 6 day of November, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Fine', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Fine, M.D.

Director

Rhode Island Department of Health