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KANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

BEFORE THE KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY

In the Matter of )  
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PHARMACY CORPORATION )  
OF AMERICA, D/B/A PHARMERICA )  
Kansas Registration No. 2-09794 )

Case No. 14-45

**STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the Kansas Pharmacy Board (the "Board") and Pharmacy Corporation of America, d/b/a Pharmerica (the "Respondent") as follows:

1. The Board is represented herein by its attorney, Randall J. Forbes of Frieden, Unrein & Forbes, 1414 SW Ashworth Place, Suite 201, Topeka, Kansas 66604. The Respondent is represented herein by his attorney,

Pharmerica General Counsel

2. The Board is the Kansas agency vested with the authority to carry out and enforce the provisions of the Kansas Pharmacy Law, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.*, including conducting hearings and proceedings to revoke, suspend or otherwise discipline a Kansas registration to operate a pharmacy.

3. The Respondent is presently entitled to operate a pharmacy in the State of Kansas by reason of the Board having issued it Kansas registration number 2-09794. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent has held a current registration to operate a pharmacy in the State of Kansas.

4. The Board has received certain information, has investigated and has determined that there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Respondent has operated in such a manner that violates the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.*

Respondent hereby agrees not to contest in this or any other proceeding before or initiated by the Board that, that it has allowed pharmacy technicians to work in the prescription area of its pharmacy at 8030 Reeder Road, Lenexa, Kansas when the ratio of pharmacy technicians to pharmacists exceeded that allowed by K.A.R. 68-05-16. Specifically, on April 28, 2014 a Board Inspector found on duty in the pharmacy area: three (3) pharmacists, three (3) certified pharmacy technicians and eight (8) pharmacy technicians that were not certified pharmacy technicians.

The Board finds and concludes that Respondent's conduct, as described above, is grounds for disciplinary action in the State of Kansas pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1627 (e)(1).

5. The Board finds and the Respondent agrees that the following disposition is just and appropriate under the circumstances:

A. FINE. Respondent hereby agrees and consents to the Board's entry of an order whereby within ten (10) days of the Board entering the Final Agency Order provided for herein, it shall pay to the Kansas Pharmacy Board an administrative fine in the amount of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00).

B. OTHER REQUIREMENTS. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that as a condition of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order it must:

1. Comply fully with this Stipulation and Final Agency Order;
2. Comply fully with the Kansas Pharmacy Act, the Board's rules and regulations and all state and federal laws relating to Kansas pharmacies;

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6. Respondent agrees that all information in the possession of the Board's Investigation Member, its staff, its investigators and or its attorney regarding the investigation which lead to this disciplinary action and all information discovered during the pendency of the disciplinary action may be disclosed to and considered by the Board as part of the presentation and consideration of the proposal of settlement in the form of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein, with or without the presence of the Respondent or its attorney. In the event that this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein are not accepted and approved by the Board, the Respondent further waives any objection to the Board members' consideration of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order or the information mentioned in the preceding sentence and further agrees to waive any claim of due process violation or the right to seek the disqualification of any Board member as a result of the Board member's consideration of said document and information.

7. The stipulations contained herein shall not become binding until this Stipulation and Final Agency Action is approved by the Board and the Final Order provided for herein is entered by the Board. The Respondent acknowledges that the approval of the Board's Investigation Member or its attorney shall not constitute the approval of the Board or bind the Board to approve this Stipulation and Final Agency Action or the Final Order provided for herein.

8. The Respondent agrees that this Stipulation and Final Agency Order is in conformance with Kansas and federal law and the Board has jurisdiction to enter into it and enter the Final Order provided for herein. The Respondent further agrees, for purposes of this matter, that the Kansas Pharmacy Act, K.S.A. 65-1626 *et seq.* is constitutional on its face and as applied in this case.

9. This Stipulation constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and may only be modified by a subsequent writing signed by them. The agreement shall be interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas.

10. The Respondent acknowledges that it has the following rights:

A. To have formal notice of charges served upon it;

B. To file a response to the charges;

C. To have notice of and participate in a formal adjudicative hearing with the Board making specific findings of facts and conclusions of law based only upon evidence admitted at such hearing.

D. To take advantage of all applicable provisions of the Kansas Administrative Procedures Act, K.S.A. 77-501 *et seq.* and the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.*

The Respondent freely waives these rights and acknowledges that said waiver is made voluntarily and in consideration of the Board's limiting the disciplinary action taken against it to those provided for herein. The Respondent further waives the right to seek reconsideration or appeal or otherwise contest this Stipulation and Final Agency Order and the Final Order provided for herein.

11. The Respondent acknowledges that it enters into this Stipulation and Final Agency Order freely and voluntarily after consultation with counsel of its choosing. The Respondent further acknowledges that it has caused an authorized representative to read this Stipulation and Final Agency order in its entirety, that authorized representative understands its legal consequences and that the Respondent agrees that none of its terms are unconscionable, arbitrary or capricious.

12. Time is of the essence to this Stipulation and Final Agency Order. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that any violation of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall constitute a willful violation of a lawful Board order and grounds for further disciplinary action against it. The pendency of any disciplinary action arising out of an alleged violation of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall not affect the obligation of Respondent to comply with all terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order.

13. This Stipulation and Final Agency Order constitutes the entire and final agreement of the parties. In the event any provision of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order is deemed invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall be severed and the remaining provisions of this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall be given full force and effect.

14. Upon approval and entry of the Final Order by the Board, this Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall be a public record in the custody of the Board.

15. This Stipulation and Final Agency Order shall become effective on the day it is approved, accepted and made an order of the Board by way of signature of the Board's authorized representative.

16. The Respondent acknowledges that it has been advised by the Board that it would have the right within 15 days after service of the Final Order provided for herein to file a petition for reconsideration with the Board and the right within 30 days after service of the Final Order provided for herein to file a petition for judicial review in the District Court of Shawnee County, Kansas in accordance with the Kansas Judicial Review Act, K.S.A. 77-601 *et seq.* and to serve such a petition for judicial review on the Kansas Pharmacy Board by serving

Debra Billingsley, its Executive Secretary at 800 SW Jackson St., Suite 1414, Topeka, KS 66612. The Respondent hereby waives those rights.

\*\*\* Signatures on Following Page \*\*\*

AGREED AND ACCEPTED BY:

Pharmacy Corporation of America, d/b/a Pharmerica

By: Heather Kanen  
General Counsel

9/4/14  
Date

Michael Lonergan  
~~Dr. Bob Hancke~~ Michael Lonergan, RPh.  
Investigation Member

10-17-14  
Date

APPROVED BY:

Respondent's Attorney's Name & Address

Date

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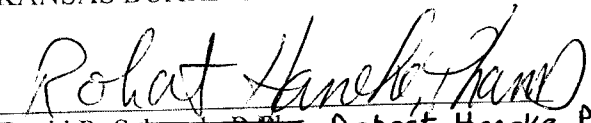
**FINAL ORDER**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the Kansas Pharmacy Board (the "Board") approves and accepts the within Stipulation and Final Agency Order and incorporates the provisions thereof as the Final Order of the Board. Within ten (10) days of the Board entering this Final Agency Order, Pharmerica, Inc. shall pay to the Kansas Board of Pharmacy an administrative fine in the amount of Five Hundred dollars (\$500.00).

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE this 17 day of october, 2014.

KANSAS BOARD OF PHARMACY

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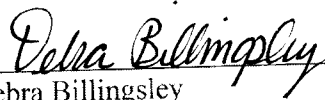
  
~~David R. Schoech, R.Ph.~~ Robert Haneke, Pharm D.  
President

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing STIPULATION AND FINAL AGENCY ORDER was served by depositing same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, this 20 day of October, 2014 addressed to:

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