

1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

2 In the Matter of

3 I. ARTHUR SCHECHET, M.D.

4 Holder of License No. 11097  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-16-0013A

**ORDER FOR LETTER  
OF REPRIMAND; AND  
CONSENT TO THE SAME**

7 I. Arthur Schechet, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a  
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for a Letter of Reprimand; admits the  
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order  
10 by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 11097 for the practice of  
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-16-0013A after receiving a Disciplinary  
17 Alert Report generated by the Federation of State Medical Boards stating that the  
18 Michigan Medical Board ("MMB") sanctioned Respondent by placing his license on  
19 probation to obtain Continuing Medical Education ("CME") and pay a \$5,000 fine.

20 4. According to the MMB's findings, Respondent was employed part time as an  
21 independent contractor with a medical marijuana company, providing patient screenings  
22 and Michigan Medical Marijuana Physician Certifications.

23 5. Based on its findings, the MMB reprimanded Respondent and ordered six  
24 months' probation, completion of 5 credit hours CME in appropriate prescribing practices  
25 for medical marijuana and 5 credit hours CME in conducting proper pain management  
evaluations. In satisfaction of this requirement, Respondent took a 5 hour course on

1 Medical Marijuana and Other Cannabinoids as well as a 15 credit hour course on  
2 Prescription Opioids: Risk Management and Strategies for Safe Use. The MMB also  
3 assessed Respondent a fine of \$5000.00.

4 6. Respondent disputes the MMB's findings included in its final Order, and  
5 Respondent stated that he was unaware of the requirement to retire entirely from the  
6 practice of medicine when requesting that his license be placed on inactivate status in the  
7 State of Arizona. Respondent stated that while he is licensed in Arizona, he has not  
8 practiced in the State.

9 7. Respondent has successfully completed the terms and conditions of the  
10 MMB's Order.

11 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12 a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
13 Respondent.

14 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
15 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(o).

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17 **ORDER**

18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

19 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

20 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2017.

21 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

22  
23 By Patricia E. McSorley  
24 Patricia E. McSorley  
25 Executive Director

1 CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the  
3 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent  
4 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

5 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely  
6 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

7 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to  
8 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge  
9 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action  
10 related thereto or arising from said Order.

11 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its  
12 Executive Director.

13 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
14 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
15 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
16 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
17 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
18 any other state or federal court.

19 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)  
20 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of  
21 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any  
22 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved  
23 by the parties.

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1           7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal  
2 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data  
3 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

4           8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a  
5 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,  
6 prejudgment or other similar defense.

7           9. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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9           Arthur Schechet M.D.      DATED: Oct 26 2017  
10 I. ARTHUR SCHECHET, M.D.

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12 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
13 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2017 to:

14 Arthur I. Schechet, M.D.  
15 Address of Record

16 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
17 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017 with:

18 Arizona Medical Board  
19 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road  
20 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

21 Mary Boley  
22 Board staff  
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