STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN THE MATTER OF:
Stephen T. Skoly, Jr., DMD DEN02320; DAGD02320
30 Chapel Hill Blvd #2402
Cranston, RI 02920

## NOTICE OF VIOLATION AND COMPLIANCE ORDER

This Notice of Violation and Compliance Order is issued pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-1-20, R.I. Gen. Laws § 23-21-1 *et seq*, 216-RICR-20-15-8, and 216-RICR-40-05-2.15.1 (A)(24).

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stephen P. Skoly, DMD (hereafter, "Respondent") is licensed by the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") to practice dentistry, in an office located at 30 Chapel Hill Blvd #2402 in Cranston, RI 02920, under licenses DEN02320 and DAGD02320 .

2. On or about August 17, 2021, RIDOH enacted Regulation 216-RICR-20-15-8 titled "REQUIREMENT FOR IMMUNIZATION AGAINST COVID-19 FOR ALL WORKERS IN LICENSED HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND OTHER PRACTICING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS" (hereafter, "Covid-19 Regulation").

3. Respondent is a "health care provider" as defined by the Covid-19 Regulation, 216-RICR-20-15-8.2(A)(6).

4. Section 8.3 (A)(3) of the Covid-19 Regulation requires that all healthcare providers be vaccinated October 1, 2021, Respondent is required to be vaccinated against Covid-19 as a condition of licensure if he is either directly involved in patient care or potentially exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted from person to person.

5. On October 1, 2021, the Providence Journal reported that Respondent stated that (a) he was not vaccinated, (b) did not meet the medical exemption incorporated in the regulation, and that he intended to directly engage in patient care or activity in which he or others would potentially be exposed to infectious agents that can be transmitted from person to person.

6. On October 1, 2021, Respondent made various public statements, including statements published in video recordings, indicating that he had engaged in the activity set forth in the previous paragraph.

7. The facts set forth above constitute reasonable grounds to believe that Respondent is in violation of 216-RICR-20-15-8 and subject to disciplinary action pursuant to 216-RICR-40-05-2.15.1 (A) (24).

## ORDER

Respondent is ordered to cease professional conduct as a health care provider, as described above, unless and until he has complied with the terms and conditions of 216-RICR-20-15-8.

In accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-1-20 and 23-1-22, a written request for a hearing may be filed with the Director at the address below within 10 days after service of this notice. If a written request for a hearing is not made to the Director within 10 days after service of this notice, this notice shall become a compliance order by operation of law.

Failure to comply with the provisions of a compliance order may result in additional sanctions and penalties authorized by law.

A copy of this notice has been sent to the Respondent electronically via the contact provided in connection with his license.

Ordered this 1st day of October, 2021.

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