

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF PHARMACY

RE: Application for CSA Registration of

REGISTRATION BY CONSENT AGREEMENT

PATRICK KIN-YEE CHAU, MD, Applicant

COME NOW the Iowa Board of Pharmacy ("Board") and Dr. Patrick Kin-Yee Chau, MD ("Applicant"), 3549 Southern Hills Dr, Sioux City IA 51106, and enter into this Registration by Consent Agreement, pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10 and 17A.18 (2020). The Board has jurisdiction over Applicant and the subject matter of this case pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 124, and 272C, and 657 IAC chapter 10.

A. LEGAL GROUNDS

1. The Board has the authority to deny a CSA registration if the applicant has been subject to discipline by the applicant's respective professional licensing board and the discipline revokes or suspends the applicant's professional license or otherwise disciplines the applicant's professional license in a way that restricts the applicant's authority to handle or prescribe controlled substances. 657 IAC 10.10(1)"e".

2. The Board has the authority to deny a CSA registration if the applicant has furnished false or fraudulent information. 657 IAC 10.10(1)"a".

B. FACTUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

3. On February 24, 2020, the Board received a CSA registration application from Applicant.

4. As part of the application, Applicant marked no in response to a question asking all new applicants to disclose whether they have had their professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise disciplined.

5. In 2006, Applicant's Washington medical license was summarily suspended and then placed on probation for violations related to the prescribing of controlled substances. In 2007, Applicant surrendered his California medical license. In 2008, Applicant's Washington medical license was summarily restricted and then placed on indefinite probation for violations related to the prescribing of controlled substances. In 2012, Applicant violated his probation in Washington. Applicant remained on probation in Washington until November of 2017.

6. On February 13, 2020, the Iowa Board of Medicine granted Applicant an Iowa medical license and issued a citation and warning based on his prior discipline in Washington.

C. REGISTRATION BY CONSENT

7. Applicant admits the allegations in the Factual Circumstances and acknowledges that the allegations, if proven in a contested case hearing concerning registration denial, would constitute grounds for the adverse action agreed to in this Agreement.

8. Execution of this Agreement constitutes the resolution of a contested case. Applicant has a right to hearing before the Board on the grounds for registration denial, but Applicant waives the right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to appeal or seek judicial review of the Board's action, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Agreement. Once entered, this Agreement shall have the force and effect of a Board Order entered following a contested case hearing concerning registration denial.

9. Applicant acknowledges that he has the right to be represented by counsel on this matter.

10. This Agreement is subject to approval by a majority of the full Board. If the Board does not approve this Agreement, it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter. If the Board approves this Agreement, it shall be the full and final resolution of this matter.

11. This Agreement shall be part of Applicant's permanent record and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.

12. Applicant understands that this Agreement constitutes adverse action and that the Board is required by federal law to report any adverse action to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

13. This Agreement, when fully executed, is a public record and is available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapters 22 and 272C.

14. The Board's approval of this Agreement shall constitute a FINAL ORDER of the Board.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

15. Applicant shall be issued an Iowa CSA registration.

16. Applicant is hereby **CITED** for his prior disciplinary actions and for failing to disclose those actions on his application and **WARNED** that future violations of the laws and rules governing CSA registrants can result in further disciplinary action.

17. Applicant shall pay a **CIVIL PENALTY** in the amount of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) within thirty (30) days of Board approval of this Agreement. The check shall be made payable to the "Treasurer of Iowa" and shall be deposited in the general fund. The civil penalty should be mailed to the Iowa Board of Pharmacy, Attn: Amanda Woltz, 400 SW 8th St, Ste E, Des Moines IA 50309.

18. Should Applicant violate the terms of this Agreement, the Board may initiate action to impose licensee discipline as authorized by Iowa Code chapters 124 and 272C and 657 IAC chapter 10.

May 15th, 2020

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DR. PATRICK KIN-YEE CHAU, MD Applicant

This Registration by Consent Agreement is approved by the Iowa Board of Pharmacy on _____, 2020.

Chairperson Iowa Board of Pharmacy

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Privacy Act Notice: Disclosure of your Social Security Number on this application is required by 42 U.S.C. § 666(a)(13) and Iowa Code chapters 252J, 261, and 272D. This number will be used in connection with the collection of child support obligations and debts owed to the State of Iowa; as an internal means to accurately identify registrants; and may be shared with taxing authorities as allowed by law, including Iowa Code § 421.18.



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STATE OF IOWA

IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE KENT M, NEBEL, J.D., EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (February 17, 2020)

Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Patrick Kin-Lee Chau, M.D., a 67-year-old physician who practices psychiatry in Vancouver, Washington, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board on February 13, 2020. On May 25, 2006, the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission (Washington Commission) summarily suspended Dr. Chau's Washington medical license pending further investigation of allegations that Dr. Chau inappropriately prescribed amphetamine and/or methamphetamine for weight loss and/or depression, failed to properly monitor patients while on these medications, failed to maintain accurate medical records for these patients, and failed to conduct appropriate testing and evaluations, resulting in a substantial threat of harm to his patients. On November 8, 2006, the Washington Commission reinstated Dr. Chau's Washington medical license, and placed him on probation for a period of two years after finding that Dr. Chau's treatment of the patients at issue fell below the standard of care. On December 27, 2006, the Medical Board of California (California Board) filed an accusation based on the 2006 disciplinary action taken by the Washington Commission. On March 1, 2007, Dr. Chau and the California Board entered into a stipulated agreement whereby Dr. Chau surrendered his California medical license. On July 15, 2008, the Washington Commission found that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare existed if Dr. Chau's medical license remained unrestricted, and entered a summary order restricting Dr. Chau from prescribing any benzodiazepines, thyroid medications, or stimulants pending final resolution of the pending matter. On October 15, 2009, the Washington Commission found that Dr. Chau engaged in unprofessional conduct and violated the terms of his probation by prescribing large doses and large amounts of addicting medication, failed to obtain necessary medical records for his patients, failed to document patient pain complaints, failed to appropriately monitor his patients, and failed to produce records in response to the Washington Commission's investigation. The Washington Commission again placed Dr. Chau's medical license on probation indefinitely, until he completed the terms of his probation. On November 15, 2012, the Washington Commission found that Dr. Chau again engaged in unprofessional conduct and violated the terms of his probation by improperly prescribing medications and failing to record his treatment of two patients. The Washington Commission again placed Dr. Chau on probation. On November 3, 2017, Dr. Chau completed the terms of his probation. On February 13, 2020, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Chau a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning for failing to meet the minimum standard of care with respect to the care of his patients in Washington, as described above.

Roy A. Doorenbos, M.D., a 64-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Grinnell, Iowa, entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board on February 6, 2020. On December 15, 2017, the Board filed a Statement of Charges alleging that Dr. Doorenbos engaged sexual misconduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he engaged in inappropriate sexual contact with a female patient, who was also a family friend and was staying at his home, on multiple occasions in March 2017. On or about April 12, 2019, Dr. Doorenbos was found guilty of Assault with Intent to Commit Sexual Abuse and Assault. Dr. Doorenbos was sentenced to two years in prison. Under the terms of the February 6, 2020, Settlement Agreement, Dr. Doorenbos voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license, was issued a Citation and Warning and agreed to pay a \$10,000 civil penalty.

Nicky Shah, M.D., a 52-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who currently practices internal medicine in San Francisco, California, had a Statement of Charges filed against him by the Board on February 6, 2020. On April 3, 2013, Dr. Shah was ticketed for speeding in excess of 95 mph near Chico, California. Dr. Shah allegedly told the California Highway Patrol officer that he was on his way to a medical emergency when, in fact, he was just late for work. Dr. Shah subsequently submitted a letter to the District Attorney's Office requesting dismissal of the speeding ticket and Dr. Shah's letter allegedly contained fabricated information regarding the reported medical emergency on the day Dr. Shah was ticketed for speeding. On May 9, 2017, Dr. Shah was found guilty of one felony count of Offering False Evidence and one felony count of Preparing False Documentary Evidence. On September 28, 2017, Dr. Shah was sentenced to 36 months formal probation with terms and conditions. Dr. Shah has appealed the criminal convictions. A hearing is scheduled on April 10, 2020.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians by clicking <u>HERE</u>, visiting the Board's Website at <u>www.medicalboard.iowa.gov</u>, calling (515) 281-5847, or mail to 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine ("Board") and Patrick Kin-Yee Chau, M.D. ("Applicant") on <u>February 13</u>, 2020, and enter into this Consent Agreement for the issuance of a permanent Iowa medical license subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicant is hereby granted Iowa license no. MD-H7041.

2. On July 23, 2019, Applicant submitted an application for a permanent Iowa medical license.

3. **2006 Washington Discipline:** Applicant was issued a license to practice medicine in the State of Washington in 1992. Between March 2004 and July 2005, the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission ("Washington Commission") received six complaints involving Respondent's treatment of eight patients relating to patient care and improper prescribing. On May 25, 2006, the Washington Commission summarily suspended Applicant's license pending further investigation on the grounds that Applicant inappropriately prescribed amphetamine and/or methamphetamine for weight loss and/or depression, failed to properly monitor patients while on these

medications, failed to maintain accurate medical records for these patients, and failed to conduct appropriate testing and evaluations, resulting in a substantial threat of harm to his patients. See Attachment A. On November 8, 2006, the Washington Commission reinstated Applicant's license, but placed Applicant on probation for a period of two years after finding that Applicant's treatment of the patients at issue in the complaints fell below the standard of care. See Attachment B.

4. **2009 Washington Discipline:** The Washington Commission received additional complaints about Applicant in 2008. On July 15, 2008, the Washington Commission found that an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare existed if Applicant's medical license remained unrestricted, and entered a summary order restricting Applicant from prescribing any benzodiazepines, thyroid medications, or stimulants pending final resolution of those complaints. See Attachment C. On October 15, 2009, the Washington Commission found that Applicant engaged in unprofessional conduct and violated the terms of his probation by prescribing large doses and large amounts of addicting medication, failed to obtain necessary medical records for his patients, failed to document patient pain complaints, failed to appropriately monitor his patients, and failed to produce records in response to the Washington Commission's investigation. The Washington Commission again placed Applicant's license on probation indefinitely, until he completed the terms of his probation. See Attachment D.

5. **2012 Washington Discipline:** On November 15, 2012, the Washington Commission found that Applicant again engaged in unprofessional conduct and violated the terms of his probation by improperly prescribing medications and failing to record his treatment of two patients. The Washington Commission again placed Applicant's license

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on probation. See Attachment E. On November 3, 2017, Applicant completed the terms of his probation. See Attachment F.

6. **California Discipline:** Applicant was issued a license to practice medicine in the State of California in 1990. On December 27, 2006, the Medical Board of California ("California Board") filed an accusation based on the 2006 action by the Washington Commission. See Attachment G. On January 30, 2007, Applicant and the California Board entered into a stipulated agreement whereby Applicant surrendered his California medical license, see Attachment H, which the Board accepted as final on March 1, 2007, see Attachment I.

7. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Applicant is hereby **CITED** for failing to meet the minimum standard of care with respect to the care of his patients in Washington, as described above in paragraphs 3–5, and for the resulting discipline against his Washington and California medical licenses, as described above in paragraphs 3–6. Applicant is hereby **WARNED** that engaging is such conduct again may result in further disciplinary action against Applicant's Iowa medical license.

8. Applicant voluntarily submits this Order to the Board for consideration.

9. Applicant agrees that the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board for consideration.

10. By entering into this Order, Applicant understands that he has the right to legal counsel in this matter and waives any objections to the terms of this Order.

11. Applicant shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

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15. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a Final Order of the Board.

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Patrick Kin-Yee Chau, M.D., Applicant

Subscribed and sworn to before me on <u>February</u> 11th, 2020.

Notary Public, State of Washington

RYAN HUGHES Notary Public State of Washington Commission # 181928 My Comm. Expires Aug 19, 2023

Notary Signature

This Consent Agreement is approved by the Board on February 13, 2020.

Kyle G. Ulveling MD., Chair Iowa Board of Medicine 400 S.W. 8th Street, Ste. C Des Moines, IA 50309



Re: Controlled Substances Act Registration (CSAR) Pending Application - Chau

1 message

PATRICK CHAU <chau.dr@gmail.com> To: "Woltz, Amanda" <amanda.woltz@iowa.gov> Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 1:21 PM

1) The entire wording of the question is: Since Your last renewal have you have a professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise disciplined? The key word was "since your last renewal" My last renewal of the Washington license was 4/30/2018; Wisconsin license was 10/31/2019; and the lowa license was newly awarded 2/13/2020. All these 3 license are way after the termination of my Probation by the MQAC on 11/20/2017. So, when the question asked "since your last renewal" I can only answer "NO". 2) I was not being "disciplined" by the lowa Board of Medicine but the document for granting me the full permanent license of lowa included the history of Washington probation that the lowa board reviewed and cleared for the issue of my initial license. Please know that lowa has never disciplined me!

Patrick Chau, M.D.

On Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 6:38 AM Woltz, Amanda <amanda.woltz@iowa.gov> wrote: Dear Dr. Chau,

The Board of Pharmacy has received your initial CSAR application. You answered "no" to the application question that asked whether you have had a professional license revoked, suspended, or otherwise disciplined. However, upon review of the application it was discovered that you have been disciplined by the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission and the Iowa Board of Medicine.

Please explain the disciplinary action and why it was not disclosed on your application. A response is needed by Wednesday, March 18.

Let me know if you have any questions.



Amanda Woltz, Administrative Assistant Iowa Board of Pharmacy 400 SW 8th Street, Suite E Des Moines, IA 50309-4688 515-281-6674 Office 515-729-2463 Cell https://pharmacy.iowa.gov/