

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

In the Matter of
Karen Rinehart
Applicant for DPM Licensure

**AGREEMENT FOR
CORRECTIVE ACTION**

This Agreement is entered into by and between Karen Rinehart (“Applicant”) and the Complaint Resolution Committee of the Minnesota Board of Podiatric Medicine (“Committee”) pursuant to the authority of Minnesota Statutes section 214.103, subdivision 6(a)(2). Applicant and the Committee hereby agree as follows:

FACTS

1. On March 16, 2022, Applicant applied for a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (“DPM”) license from the Minnesota Board of Podiatric Medicine.
2. Staff review of the Applicant’s application materials revealed the following issues of concern:
 - a. While Applicant has maintained a license in ND since 2007, Applicant has not been actively practicing podiatric medicine since late 2019.
 - b. Applicant has a history of discipline in ND from 2016, regarding advertising practices and prescribing medication outside the scope of practice for a DPM.
 - c. Applicant complied with the ND Stipulation signed January 14, 2016 and the Order effective September 10, 2016, and has continued to be licensed in ND since that date without further discipline.
3. The Committee determined that Applicant may be licensed as a DPM in Minnesota with certain temporary conditions and reporting requirements.

4. Applicant and the Committee have agreed to enter into an Agreement for Corrective Action to address the concerns raised above.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

Applicant agrees to address the concerns identified above by taking the following corrective actions:

1. **Surgical Supervision.** For the first ten (10) surgical cases that Applicant handles as a DPM licensed in Minnesota, any and all surgeries must:

- a. Take place in an Operating Room setting at a credentialed facility; and
- b. Be supervised by a licensed DPM or orthopedic surgeon.
- c. The following procedures are not subject to the Surgical Supervision requirement set forth in section 1.a. and b., above:

- i. Wound care performed in the regular course of diagnosis and treatment.

- ii. Nail debridement and/or callus paring.

- iii. Nail procedures.

- iv. In-office wound debridement and/or graft applications.

- v. Biopsies.

- d. The Committee may request information from Applicant's supervising DPM[s] or orthopedic surgeon[s] to determine Applicant's ability to perform surgeries with reasonable skill and safety.

2. **Prescription Medication Compliance and Reporting.** For a period of two (2) years after licensure, Applicant shall maintain a log of all prescriptions written and submit such logs to

the Board for quarterly review. Quarterly logs are due to the Board no later than the 1st day of January, April, July, and October of each year while this Agreement is in effect.

OTHER INFORMATION

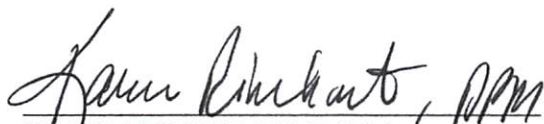
1. The Committee agrees that Applicant may be licensed, contingent upon Licensee's satisfactory compliance with and completion of the corrective actions referred to above. Licensee agrees that the Committee shall be the sole judge of satisfactory completion.

2. If Licensee fails to complete the corrective action satisfactorily, or if the Committee receives complaints alleging conduct similar to that referred to in the facts above, the Committee may, in its discretion, open an investigation and proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapters 14, 153.01-153.26, and 214. Failure to complete corrective action satisfactorily constitutes failure to cooperate under Minnesota Statutes section 153.20 and may subject Licensee to disciplinary action by the Board. In any subsequent proceeding, the Committee may use Licensee's agreements herein as evidence.

3. The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date it is executed by the Committee. The Agreement shall remain in effect until the Committee terminates the Agreement in its sole discretion, unless the Committee receives additional information which renders the corrective action set forth in the Agreement inappropriate. Upon receipt of such information, the Committee may, in its discretion, proceed according to Minnesota Statutes chapters 14, 153.01-153.26, and 214.

4. Licensee understands this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. Licensee further understands and acknowledges this Agreement and the termination letter issued upon successful completion of the corrective action are classified as public data pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 13.41, subdivision 5.

5. Licensee hereby acknowledges that Licensee has read and understands this Agreement and has voluntarily entered into it. This Agreement contains the entire agreement between the Committee and Licensee, there being no other agreement of any kind, verbal or otherwise, which varies the terms of this Agreement.



KAREN RINEHART, D.P.M.

Licensee

Dated: 05/24/2022



PAUL BAKKEN

Executive Director

Dated: 5/25/2022