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8 **BEFORE THE**  
**BOARD OF PHARMACY**  
9 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**  
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 6329

12 **CARDINAL HEALTH, DBA PARMED**  
13 **PHARMACEUTICALS, LLC**

4220 Hyde Park Blvd.  
14 Niagara Falls, NY 14305

**FIRST AMENDED ACCUSATION**

15 **Out of State Distributor License No.**  
16 **OSD 4895**

17 **LINDA J. DUNKLE**

5796 West St.  
18 Sanborn, NY 14132

19 **Designated Representative License No.**  
20 **EXC 21821**

Respondents.

21 Complainant alleges:

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Anne Sodergren (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity  
24 as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Pharmacy, Department of Consumer Affairs  
25 (Board).

26 2. On or about May 10, 2007, the Board issued Out of State Distributor License Number  
27 OSD 4895 to Cardinal Health, d.b.a., Parmed Pharmaceuticals, LLC (Respondent Cardinal  
28 Health). The Out of State Distributor License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to

1 the charges brought herein, was cancelled on June 28, 2018, and has not been reinstated.

2 3. On or about September 11, 2012, the Board issued Designated Representative  
3 License Number EXC 21821 to Linda J. Dunkle (Respondent Dunkle). The Designated  
4 Representative License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
5 herein and will expire on September 1, 2019, unless renewed.

6 **JURISDICTION**

7 4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following  
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15 commence or proceed with any investigation of, or action or disciplinary proceeding against, the  
16 licensee or to render a decision suspending or revoking the license.

17 **STATUTORY PROVISIONS**

18 7. Section 4301 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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20 conduct or whose license has been issued by mistake. Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not  
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22 (j) The violation of any of the statutes of this state, of any other state, or of the United  
23 States regulating controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

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27 federal and state laws and regulations governing pharmacy, including regulations established by  
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15          10.    Section 4059.5, subdivision (a) of the Code, states in pertinent part that, “except as  
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3 12. Section 4163, subdivision (a) of the Code, states in pertinent part: “A manufacturer,  
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26 15. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the  
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28 act to pay a sum not to exceed its reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement.



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7 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

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1 **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

2 26. On June 18, 2018, the Board issued Citation No. CI 2017 80280 to Respondent  
3 Cardinal Health. The Board cited Respondent Cardinal Health for violating California Business  
4 and Professions Code section 4059.5, subdivision (a), in that Respondent Cardinal Health sold  
5 and shipped dangerous drugs to a pharmacy, but the dangerous drugs were not signed for by a  
6 pharmacist. The Board fined Respondent Cardinal Health in the amount of \$1,000.00.

7 **PRAYER**

8 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,  
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14 2. Ordering Cardinal Health, doing business as Parmed Pharmaceuticals, LLC, and  
15 Linda J. Dunkle to pay the Board of Pharmacy the reasonable costs of the investigation and  
16 enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

17 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.  
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20 DATED: May 10, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_



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1 **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES / DANGEROUS DRUGS**

2 16. Section 4021 of the Code states:

3 “‘Controlled substance’ means any substance listed in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section  
4 11053) of Division 10 of the Health and Safety Code.”

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6 “‘Dangerous drug’ or ‘dangerous device’ means any drug or device unsafe for self use,  
7 except veterinary drugs that are labeled as such, and includes the following:

8 “(a) Any drug that bears the legend: ‘Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without  
9 prescription,’ ‘Rx only,’ or words of similar import.

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11 “(c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on  
12 prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.”

13 **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

14 18. From September 11, 2012 through the present, Respondent Linda J. Dunkle has been  
15 the Designated Representative-in-Charge of Respondent Cardinal Health (a “wholesaler” under  
16 Section 4043) at its premises in Niagara Falls, New York.

17 19. On or about May 9, 2017, the Board received a complaint regarding the continued  
18 operation of Lane Medical Pharmacy (Lane Pharmacy). The complaint indicated that Lane  
19 Pharmacy continued to operate despite the owner, Mr. Lane Frankel, being deceased. The Board  
20 investigation determined that Mr. Lane Frankel died on July 14, 2015. Mr. Lane Frankel was the  
21 owner and pharmacist-in-charge of Lane Pharmacy. The Board investigation determined that  
22 non-pharmacists (pharmacy technicians) continued to operate Lane Pharmacy after Mr. Lane  
23 Frankel’s death and these non-pharmacists purchased and/or signed for delivery of dangerous  
24 drugs and controlled substances.

25 20. As part of its investigation, a Board investigator requested that a Drug Enforcement  
26 Agency (DEA) Diversion Investigator run an Automation of Reports and Consolidated Orders  
27 Systems (ARCOS) report, which showed that Lane Pharmacy had purchased controlled  
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