

Department of Health

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

JAMES V. McDONALD, M.D., M.P.H. Acting Commissioner **MEGAN E. BALDWIN**Acting Executive Deputy Commissioner

January 24, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Cathleen London, M.D.

Re: License No. 258277

Dear Dr. London:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 23-012. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect January 31, 2023.

The enclosed Board Order checklist requires your review and compliance as it relates to your Order.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204, telephone # 518-402-0846.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Jakubowski, M.D. Interim Executive Secretary

Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER OF CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D.

MODIFICATION

ORDER

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of Cathleen London, M. D. (Respondent), which is made a part of this Modification Order, it is agreed to and

ORDERED, that the attached Application, and its terms, are adopted and SO

ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that this Modification Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Modification Order, either by first class to Respondent at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,
 whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 1/23/2023

THOMAS T. LEE, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER OF CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D.

MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Cathleen London, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about August 18, 2010, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 258277 by the New York State Education Department.

_and I will advise the Director of the Office of

Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I am currently subject to BPMC Order # BPMC 19-086 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which was issued upon an Application For Consent Order signed by me on or about April 8, 2019, (henceforth Original Application"), adopted by the Original Order. I hereby apply to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an Order (henceforth "Modification Order"), modifying the Original Order, as follows:

The sanction imposed in the Original Order included:

- Censure and Reprimand;
- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(3), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be limited to preclude administering, prescribing or handling Methadone;

- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), I shall be placed on probation
 for a period of thirty-six months, with a practice monitor, subject to the terms
 set forth in attached Exhibit "B"; and
- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230-a(7) and (9), I shall be subject to a
 fine in the amount of \$2,500, to be paid in full within 30 days of the effective
 date of this Order.

The sanction imposed shall be modified to read as follows:

- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(6), Respondent shall be subject to a
 limitation precluding registration or issuance of any further license; and
- That Respondent, who does not currently practice in the State of New York, shall be precluded from practicing medicine in New York State, from practicing in any setting where Respondent's practice is based solely on Respondent's New York license, and from further reliance upon Respondent's New York license to practice medicine to exempt Respondent from the licensure, certification or other requirements set forth in statute or regulation for the practice of any other profession licensed, regulated or certified by the Board of Regents, Department of Education, Department of Health or the Department of State; and
- That Respondent shall, within 30 days of the issuance of the Modification Order, notify the New York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, that Respondent's license status is "inactive", and shall provide proof of such notification to the Director of OPMC immediately upon

having done so, and shall not reactivate or reregister the license at any time.

This Modification Order shall strike the Condition in the Original Order requiring

Respondent to maintain active registration of Respondent's license with the New

York State Education Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services,

to pay all registration fees; and

 That Respondent shall comply with all the conditions set forth in attached "Attachment II" ("Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following an Agreement to Never Register/Never Practice");

and

• Effective from the date of this Modification Order, the conditions in the Original Order that require Respondent to develop, maintain, and /or update a physician profile shall terminate;

and

All remaining Terms and Conditions will continue as written in the Original Order.

I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress,
compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In
consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, I
knowingly waive my right to contest the Original Order or the Modification Order for which I
apply, whether administratively or judicially, and ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed

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agreement and Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further
understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that
discretion.

DATE January 13, 2023

CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D. RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to Respo proposed penalty, terms and conditions.	ndent's attached Modification Agreement and to its
DATE: <u>January 13, 2023</u>	pro se , ESQ. Attorney for Respondent
DATE: <u>01/17/2023</u>	COURTNEY BERRY Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 1/19/2023

SHELLY WANG BANDAGO Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

ATTACHMENT II

Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice (Following Agreement to Never Register/Never Practice)

- 1. Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license, in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine in New York or pursuant to a New York license.
- 2. Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's current biennial registration, if any, to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
- 3. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, notify all patients of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
- 4. Licensee shall, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 30 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at

least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

- 5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender Licensee's DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
- 6. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
- 7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.

- 8. Licensee shall not, with regard to New York practice or practice anywhere pursuant to Licensee's New York license, charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
- 9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine in New York, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.
- 10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found guilty and may include revocation of a suspended license.

ATTACHMENT I



Department of Health

ANDREW M. CUOMO Governor HOWARD A. ZUCKER, M.D., J.D. Commissioner

SALLY DRESLIN, M.S., R.N. Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 15, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Cathleen G. London, M.D.

RE: License No. 258277

Dear Dr. London:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 19-086. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect April 22, 2019.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Corning Tower, Room 2784
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York, 12204, telephone # 518-402-0846.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Catalano, M.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Peter Crean, Esq. Martin, Clearwater & Bell, LLP. 220 East 42nd St. New York, New York 10017

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

BPMC No. 19-086

IN THE MATTER
OF
CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

Upon the application of (Respondent) CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D. In the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

by malling of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR

upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: <u>04/12/20</u>19

ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.

Chair

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER OF CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about August 18, 2010, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and Issued License No. 258277 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical

Conduct (Board) has charged me with one or more specifications of professional

misconduct, as set forth in a Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I shall agree to not to contest the allegations, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

 Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(1), I shall be subject to a Censure and Reprimand in New York State.

- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(3), my license to practice medicine in New York State shall be limited to preclude administering, prescribing, or handling of Methadone.
- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), In New York State, I shall be
 placed on probation for a period of thirty-six months, with a practice monitor,
 subject to the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B."
- Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230-a(7) and (θ), I shall be subject to a
 fine in the amount of \$2,500.00, to be paid in full within 30 days of the
 effective date of this Order. Payments must be submitted to:

Bureau of Accounts Management New York State Department of Health Corning Tower, Room 2784 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

In making such payment, Respondent shall indicate the order number of this Order both on the payment check submitted and on the cover letter accompanying payment. Additionally, Respondent shall simultaneously mall a photocopy of the check and cover letter to:

Physician Monitoring Program
Office of Professional Medical Conduct
Riverview Center
150 Broadway, Suite 355

Albany, New York 12204-2719.

- I shall agree to successfully complete the terms/conditions in the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine, Consent Agreement, dated August 14, 2018, and any amendments made thereafter.
- Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the State of Maine,
 Board of Licensure in Medicine to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the State of Maine,
 Board of Licensure in Medicine Consent Agreement.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall Impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall comply with each and every penalty imposed by this Order Respondent, by making this application, asserts that Respondent does not currently practice medicine in New York State or in any setting or jurisdiction where that practice is predicated upon Respondent's New York State medical license ("New York Practice"). As a Condition of this Order, should Respondent decide to resume practicing medicine in New York, Respondent shall, before beginning such practice, provide 90 days advance written notice to the Director of OPMC. Respondent may not begin practicing medicine in New York until after Respondent receives the Director's written acknowledgment that this Condition has been satisfied, and shall be subject

York Practice based on matters underlying this Consent Agreement and/or any circumstances or information known to the Director at the time of Respondent's proposed return to New York Practice. Respondent, by making this Application, stipulates that the Director shall be authorized in his or her sole discretion to impose whatever further Conditions the Director deems appropriate upon Respondent's return to practice in New York, and Respondent further stipulates that Respondent's fallure to comply with these Conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29) pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a; and

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502 Including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 120 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 2995-a(4) and 10 NYCRR 1000.5,

including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall: report to the department all Information required by the Department to develop a public physician profile for the licensee; continue to notify the department of any change in profile information within 30 days of any change (or in the case of optional information, within 365 days of such change); and, in addition to such periodic reports and notification of any changes, update his or her profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to his or her physician profile information either electronically using the department's secure web site or on forms prescribed by the department, and licensee shall attest to the truthfulness, completeness and correctness of any changes licensee submits to the department. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and shall continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State. Respondent's fallure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(21) and N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for fallure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, including but not limited to: revocation or suspension of license, Censure and Reprimand, probation, public service and/or fines of up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found; and

That Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719, with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and shall continue at all times until Respondent receives written notification from the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Physician Monitoring Program, that OPMC has determined that Respondent has fully compiled with and satisfied the requirements of the Order, regardless of tolling; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Order.

Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC,

as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, If I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the N.Y. Pub. Health Law.

I agree that, If the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, OR upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first.

The Consent Order, this agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, reducted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website. OPMC shall report this action to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards, and any other entities that the Director of OPMC shall deem appropriate.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by N.Y.

Pub. Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly walve my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of OPMC and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE 4/8/2019

CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D. RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.		
DATE:	TIMOTHY C. WOODEOCK, ESQ. Altorney for Respondent	
DATE: 48/19	PETER CREAN, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent	
DATE: 4/9/19	POOJA A. RAWAL Senior Attorney Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct	
DATE: 4/12/19	Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct	

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D.

CHARGES

CATHLEEN LONDON, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about August 18, 2010, by the Issuance of license number 258277 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about August 14, 2018, the Respondent entered into a Consent Agreement ("CA") with the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine ("Maine Board"). The Order was based on inappropriate prescribing of opioids, conflicting or missing information in medical records for several patients, billing discrepancies, and accessing the Prescription Monitoring Program on several individuals who were not her patients at the time of access. The Respondent was reprimended, ordered to pay a \$3,000.00 fine, prohibited from prescribing Methadone, and was placed on probation with terms and conditions.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Maine Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State pursuant to the following sections of New York State Law:

- New York Education Law §6530(3) (Practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion); and/or
- 2. N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(32) (Failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES HAVING HAD DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(9)(d) by having his or her license to practice medicine revoked, suspended or having other disciplinary action taken, or having his or her application for a license refused, revoked or suspended or having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his or her license after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the revocation, suspension or other disciplinary action involving the license or refusal, revocation or suspension of an application for a license or the surrender of the license would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or B1 and/or B2.

DATE: January 37, 2019 Albany, New York

TIMOTHY MAHAR
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

Terms of Probation

- 1) Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(19).
- 2) Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
- Respondent's fallure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of taw relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
- The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive 30 day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period shall resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
- The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts, and/or electronic records; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- Respondent shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Respondent shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.

- 7) Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
- Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete a continuing education program as directed by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval. This program shall be successfully completed within the first 90 days of the probation period unless Respondent obtains, in writing, the Director's prior authorization to exceed that 90 day period. The Director, for good cause shown by Respondent prior to the expiration of such 90 day period, shall have full discretion to deny or grant such extension.
- 9) Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.
- Within thirty days of the Consent Order's effective date, Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC. Any medical practice in violation of this term shall constitute the unauthorized practice of medicine.
 - a) Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no fewer than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
 - b) Respondent shall be required to maintain a log of any and all records related to the prescribing, administering, or handling of controlled substances which shall be made available to the monitor for review. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is

conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.

- c) Respondent shall be required to maintain a log of any and all access to the Prescription Monitoring Program which shall be made available to the monitor. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
- d) Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
- e) Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
- f) Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$8 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.