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

January 17, 2018

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Jennifer Matthesen, M.D.

RE: License No. 277360

Dear Dr. Matthesen:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 18-015. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect January 24, 2018.

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

cc: Ellen F. Kessler, Esq. Ruskin, Moscou and Faltischek, P.C. East Tower, 15th Fl., 1425 RXR Plaza Uniondale, New York 11556-1425

Enclosure

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

JENNIFER MATTHESEN, M.D.

BPMC No. 18-015

CONSENT ORDER

Upon the application of (Respondent) JENNIFER MATTHESEN, 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 mailing 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: 01/17/2018

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 JENNIFER MATTHESEN, M.D.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

JENNIFER MATTHESEN, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about September 24, 2014, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 277360 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 plead guilty to the First Specification 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.

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230- (7) and (9), I shall be subject to a fine in the amount of one thousand five hundred (\$1,500) dollars, 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 mail 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.

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 in the future determine to commence New York Practice, Respondent shall, prior to commencing such practice, provide ninety (90) days advance notice in writing to the Director of OPMC. Respondent may not commence such practice until after Respondent receives the Director's written acknowledgment that this Condition has been satisfied, and shall be subject to any further Conditions the Director may impose upon Respondent's New 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 commencement of New York Practice. Respondent, by making this Application, stipulates that, in the event the Respondent seeks to return to practice in New York, the Director shall be authorized in his sole discretion to impose whatever further Conditions the Director deems appropriate, and Respondent further stipulates that Respondent's failure to comply with such Conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

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 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 failure 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 failure 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 complied 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, redacted. 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 waive 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: 1/4/18

JENNIFER MATTHESEN M.D. Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

RUSKIN, MOSCOU, FALTISCHEK, P.C.

ELLEN F. KESSLER, ESQ. Attorneys for Respondent

DATE: <u>//P/18</u>

DATE: <u>//9/18</u>

JERFREY J/CONKLIN, ESQ. Associate Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

KEPTH W. SERVIS

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

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

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

JENNIFER MATTHESEN, M.D.

CHARGES

JENNIFER MATTHESEN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on September 24, 2014, by the issuance of license number 277360 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about January 17, 2017, the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health (Connecticut Department) issued a Consent Order which found that the Respondent failed to maintain adequate medical records when prescribing controlled substances for family members and herself, and during 2014 and 2015, improperly prescribed controlled substances in New York using a Connecticut DEA number. The professional misconduct constituted grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, Section 20-13c (4). The Connecticut Department, among other things, Reprimanded the Respondent, and imposed a \$1,000 civil penalty.
- B. Respondent's conduct as described in the above paragraph "A" upon which the finding of unprofessional conduct in the State of Connecticut was based would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of the New York State as follows: New York Education Law Sections 6530(3) (practicing the

profession with negligence on more than one occasion), and 6530(32) (failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflected the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

SPECIFICATIONS OF MISCONDUCT First Specification

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in New York Education Law Section 6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State in the facts of the following:

1. The facts of Paragraphs "A" and "B".

Second Specification

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in New York Education Law Section 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 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 in the facts of the following:

2. The facts of Paragraphs "A" and "B".

DATE: Albany, New York January 9, 2018

MICHAEL A. HISER, ESQ.
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct