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

IN THE MATTER

OF

NOEL BLACKMAN, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER OF

BPMC No. 17-309

SUMMARY

ACTION

TO: NOEL BLACKMAN, M.D.

Moshannon Valley Correctional Institution 555 Geo Drive Philipsburg, PA 16866

The undersigned, Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that NOEL BLACKMAN, M.D. (henceforth "Respondent"), New York license number 141896 has pleaded or been found guilty or convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, federal law, or the law of another jurisdiction which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York State law, as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached to the Notice of Referral Proceeding or Notice of Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, or practice in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within ninety days of the service of this order and shall end within ninety days thereafter. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of

the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding provided to the Respondent contemporaneously with this Order.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York October 23 2017

> Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D. Commissioner of Health New York State Department of Health

Inquiries should be directed to:

Pooja A. Rawal Senior Attorney New York State Health Department Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct Corning Tower, Room 2512 Albany, New York 12237 (518) 473-4282

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NOTICE OF
REFERRAL
PROCEEDING

TO: NOEL BLACKMAN, M.D.

Moshannon Valley Correctional Institution 555 Geo Drive Philipsburg, PA 16866

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

An adjudicatory proceeding will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p) and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The proceeding will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Committee) on December 20, 2017, at 10:30 a.m., at the offices of the New York State Department of Health, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Menands (Albany), NY 12204-2719.

At the proceeding, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the proceeding will be made and the witnesses at the proceeding will be sworn and examined.

You may appear in person at the proceeding and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. You may produce evidence or sworn testimony on your behalf. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify.

For GPS purposes, enter "Menands", not "Albany".

If you intend to present sworn testimony, the number of witnesses and an estimate of the time necessary for their direct examination must be submitted to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway - Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES HORAN, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION (Telephone: (518-402-0748), (henceforth "Bureau of Adjudication") as well as the Department of Health attorney indicated below, no later than twenty days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, as indicated above. Should the parties have objection to proposed witnesses or documentary evidence, the party raising the objection shall contact the Bureau of Adjudication to arrange for a pre-hearing conference with the Administrative Law Judge, prior to the hearing date.

Pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230(10)(p), you shall file a written answer to each of the charges and allegations in the Statement of Charges not later than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. Any charge or allegation not so answered shall be deemed admitted. You may wish to seek the advice of counsel prior to filing such answer. The answer shall be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, and a copy shall be forwarded to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below. You may file a written brief and affidavits with the Committee. Six copies of all papers you submit must be filed with the Bureau of Adjudication at the address indicated above, no later than fourteen days prior to the scheduled date of the Referral Proceeding, and a copy of all papers must be served on the same date on the Department of Health attorney indicated below. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person. Pursuant to the terms of N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §401 and 10 N.Y.C.R.R. §51.8(b), the Petitioner hereby demands disclosure of the evidence that the Respondent intends to introduce at the hearing, including the names of witnesses, a list of and copies of documentary evidence and a description of physical or other evidence which cannot be photocopied.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED THAT THE ATTACHED CHARGES WILL BE MADE PUBLIC FIVE BUSINESS DAYS AFTER THEY ARE SERVED.

Department attorney: Initial here_

The proceeding may be held whether or not you appear. Please note that requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Bureau of Adjudication, at the address indicated above, with a copy of the request to the attorney for the Department of Health, whose name appears below, at least five days prior to the scheduled date of the proceeding. Adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation. Failure to obtain an attorney within a reasonable period of time prior to the proceeding will not be grounds for an adjournment.

The Committee will make a written report of its findings, conclusions as to guilt, and a determination. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

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DATED:

Albany, New York October 3, 2017

MICHAEL A. HISER
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

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STATEMENT

CHARGES

NOEL BLACKMAN, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about April 11, 1980, by the issuance of license number 141896 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about February 7, 2016, the Respondent was arrested while attempting to leave the country for illegally prescribing more than 350,000 oxycodone pills in a drug-dealing operation. On or about February 25, 2016, the Respondent was indicted in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, for Conspiracy to Distribute Oxycodone [21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(b)(1)(C)], a felony, and Distribution of a Controlled Substance [21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1), 841(b)(1)(C)], also a felony. On or about August 24, 2016, the Respondent pled guilty to one felony count of Conspiracy to Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Oxycodone [21 U.S.C. §§ 846; 841(b)(1)(C); 841(a)(1)]. On or about November 4, 2016, the Respondent agreed to the forfeiture of \$503,200.00, one black Alcatel cellular telephone, one HP laptop computer, and \$33,000.00 seized from the Respondent's luggage. On or about May 12, 2017, the Respondent was convicted and sentenced to fifty months in the Federal Bureau of Prisons and upon release will be on supervised release for a term of three years and was ordered to pay a \$100.00 assessment and a \$15,000.00 fine.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

CRIMINAL CONVICTION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ.

Law § 6350(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of an act constituting a crime (felony) under federal law as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts as alleged in paragraph A.

DATE: October 23 , 2017 Albany, New York

MICHAEL A. HISER

Deputy Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct