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Julia Y. Oweis, M.D.

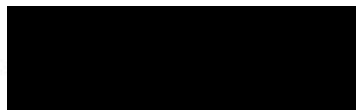

Re: License No. 211304

Dear Dr. Oweis:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 19-127. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 5, 2019.

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,



Paula M. Breen
Acting Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Kenneth L. Kutner, Esq.
Law Offices of Kenneth L. Kutner
60 East 42nd St., Suite 1420
New York, New York 10165

IN THE MATTER
OF
JULIA Y. OWEIS, M.D.

BPMC No. 19-127
DIRECTOR'S FIRST
MODIFICATION
ORDER

Licensee, JULIA Y. OWEIS, M.D., is currently subject to BPMC Order # 14-307, which was made effective on December 24, 2014 and its addendum, which was made effective on October 21, 2015. (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"). The Original Order imposed multiple Conditions, including but not limited to the following condition:

- That Licensee shall not be permitted to prescribe or dispense controlled substances until and unless Licensee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director ("Director") of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("OPMC"), appropriate competency to do so and remediation of any deficiencies identified in the underlying investigation and/or in the clinical competency assessment ("CCA"), which Licensee obtains, and as set forth in "Practice Conditions" enumerated in Exhibit "B" of the Original Order; and
- That Licensee shall not commence such prescribing or dispensing until Licensee receives the Director's written acknowledgement that this condition has been satisfied; and
- That Licensee shall be subject to any further Conditions the Director may impose upon such prescribing and dispensing based on matters underlying this Order and/or any circumstances or information known to the Director at the time of Licensee's proposed commencement of such prescribing or dispensing, and that Licensee stipulates that the Director shall be so authorized.

As the Respondent has successfully completed a CCA as directed by the Director, and the Director has reviewed the CCA results, assessments, and recommendations, based upon all relevant facts and circumstances known to her: the following Modification is hereby ordered with regard to the Condition imposed in the Original Order as set forth above:

- The Condition prohibiting the prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances is hereby ended to the following extent:
 - From the effective date of this Director's First Modification Order to December 31, 2020, Licensee shall have a Director-approved physician in her group practice review and co-sign every controlled substance prescription prior to issuance; and
 - From the effective date of this Director's First Modification Order to December 31, 2020, Licensee shall create and maintain a controlled substance prescribing log, containing the name of the patient, prescription date, name of controlled substance prescribed, and name and signature of physician co-signer. This log shall be provided to OPMC on a quarterly basis; and
 - From the effective date of this Director's First Modification Order to December 31, 2020, and in furtherance of the Addendum of BPMC Order # 14-307, Licensee shall participate in specific controlled substance CMEs as part of Licensee's ongoing CME requirement. This continuing education requirement is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval.

The Director reserves the authority, in her sole discretion, to subsequently stay, add, impose, re-impose, extend, or otherwise modify the conditions imposed upon Respondent's practice pursuant to BPMC Order No. 14-307 and this First Director's Modification Order, as the Director may determine appropriate, based upon all relevant facts and circumstances then known to her, including, but not limited to, those related to

the underlying OPMC investigation of Respondent, the CCA results and recommendations, and Respondent's practice in the future, as are necessary to protect the public health.

THE ABOVE IS HEREBY ORDERED; and

it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance and mailing by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or at any other address known to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

DATE: 5/28/19


PAULA M. BREEN
Acting Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

ATTACHMENT I

December 17, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL-RECEIPT REQUESTED

Julia Y. Oweis, M.D.
34 Fletcher Avenue
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Re: License #211304

Dear Dr. Oweis:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 14-307. This Order of Conditions pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230 is effective December 24, 2014.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: John Barbera, Esq.
Martin, Clearwater & Bell, LLP
245 Main Street
White Plains, NY 10601

IN THE MATTER
OF
JULIA OWEIS, M.D.

ORDER
OF CONDITIONS
PURSUANT TO
N.Y. PUB. HEALTH
LAW § 230

Upon the application of JULIA OWEIS, M.D. (Licensee) in the attached Stipulation and Application for an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Application), which is made a part of this Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Order), it is agreed that:

- the Application and its terms are adopted; and
- this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Order by first class mail to Licensee at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Licensee's attorney, or upon facsimile transmission to Licensee or Licensee's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 12/17/2014

REDACTED

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
JULIA OWEIS, M.D.

APPLICATION FOR
ORDER OF
CONDITIONS
PURSUANT TO
N.Y. PUB. HEALTH
LAW § 230

JULIA OWEIS, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 17, 1998, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 211304 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 34 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream, NY 11580 and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address. I am affiliated with the following hospitals and/or facilities: _____

_____. I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("the Board") has investigated the issues set forth in attached Exhibit "A".

I request that the Board and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("the Director"), in reliance upon the results of the investigation to date and upon my representation that I have practiced medicine without incident for at least a year before this Application, conclude the investigation of these issues, provided I successfully and without incident comply with the Conditions set forth below. In consideration of the Board

and the Director granting this Application, and upon the Board's election not to bring disciplinary charges against me, I agree that the Board and the Director shall issue an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

I agree that the Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Licensee shall obtain a clinical competency assessment ("CCA") as is more fully set forth in the Practice Conditions enumerated in Exhibit "B."

That Licensee shall not be permitted to prescribe or dispense controlled substances until and unless Licensee demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Director, appropriate competency to do so and remediation of any deficiencies identified in the underlying investigation and/or the CCA.

Licensee shall not commence such prescribing or dispensing until Licensee receives the Director's written acknowledgment that this Condition has been satisfied. Licensee shall be subject to any further Conditions the Director may impose upon such prescribing and dispensing based on matters underlying this Consent Agreement and/or any circumstances or information known to the Director at the time of Licensee's proposed commencement of such prescribing or dispensing. Licensee, by making this Application, stipulates that the Director shall be so authorized. This condition shall take effect upon the Order's effective date and shall continue so long as Licensee remains a licensee in New York State.

That Licensee 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. Licensee 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 Order's effective date and shall continue at all times until the conclusion of the period of Practice Conditions, regardless of tolling; and

That Licensee 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 Licensee's profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to Licensee's 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 Licensee remains a licensee in New York State.

Licensee'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 Licensee 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 Licensee'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. Licensee 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 Licensee receives written notification from the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, Physician Monitoring Program, that OPMC has determined that Licensee has fully complied with and satisfied the requirements of the Order, regardless of tolling; and

That Licensee shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("OPMC") in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of Licensee. Licensee shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of compliance with the terms of this Order, meet in person with the Director's designee, and respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Licensee's control to OPMC, as directed. This Condition shall take effect upon the Order's effective date and shall continue while Licensee possesses a license in New York; and

That for a period of three years from the Order's effective date, subject to the tolling provisions set forth below, Licensee shall be subject to additional conditions set forth as "Practice Conditions" enumerated in Exhibit "B", which is attached to and a part of this agreement.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with the conditions imposed by this order, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N. Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10), shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Application and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I understand that nothing in this Application shall be construed as an admission by me of any act of alleged misconduct or as a finding of misconduct as to those issues referred to in Exhibit "A". I deny any acts of misconduct and reserve my right to assert all defenses I may have in any later or other proceeding.

I understand and agree that my failure to comply with, successfully complete, or satisfy any of the material conditions of this Order, and/or any unsatisfactory report by the practice monitor, shall vest the Director with the authority, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to vacate this agreement and shall permit the Director to pursue further investigation and/or prosecution of misconduct charges against me as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A" to the full extent authorized by the Public Health Law and the Education Law.

I understand that an Order issued upon this Application does not bar prosecution for professional misconduct based upon allegations of violations of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530 unrelated to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A", whether those alleged violations occurred before or after this Application. The Director may, at such time, also direct counsel to prepare charges that include allegations as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A".

I agree that, if the Board grants this Application, the Chair of the Board shall issue an Order of Conditions in accordance with its terms. I further agree that the Department of Health shall notify the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards of this Order of Conditions pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 and that the change in my licensure status is not disciplinary in nature. This Order of Conditions [with the exception of Exhibit "A," which shall remain a part of the investigative files of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct within the meaning of N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10)(a)(v)] shall be posted on the Department of Health website(s).

I make this Application of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Application, I waive my right to contest the Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Order, and I ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, 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 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 12/10/14

REDACTED

JULIA OWEIS, M.D.
LICENSEE

The undersigned agree to Licensee's attached Order of Conditions and to its proposed terms and conditions

DATE 12/12/14

REDACTED

JOHN BARBERA, Esq
Attorney for Licensee

DATE 12/15/14

REDACTED

JEAN BRESLER, Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE 12/16/14

REDACTED

KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

PRACTICE CONDITIONS

- 1) Licensee's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Licensee as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of this Order and may subject Licensee to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.
- 2) Licensee shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Licensee shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care with respect to these practices.
- 3) Licensee shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients.
- 4) The Director may review Licensee'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 or periodic visits with Licensee and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- 5) Licensee shall provide access for DOH personnel to Licensee's office(s) to verify Licensee's compliance with this Order. This access shall include, but not be limited to, on-site inspections, observation and interviews.
- 6) Licensee shall obtain a clinical competency assessment (CCA) performed by a program for such assessment as directed by the Director of OPMC. Licensee shall complete the assessment to the satisfaction of the Director of OPMC, and shall

cause a written report of such assessment to be provided directly to the Director of OPMC within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

- a. Licensee shall be responsible for all expenses related to the clinical competency assessment and shall provide to the Director of OPMC proof of full payment of all costs that may be charged. This term of practice conditions shall not be satisfied in the absence of actual receipt, by the Director, of such documentation, and any failure to satisfy shall provide a basis for a proceeding under N.Y. Pub. Health Law Section 230.
- b. At the direction of the Director and within 60 days following the completion of the CCA the Licensee shall identify a Preceptor, preferably a physician who is board certified in the same specialty, to be approved in writing, by the Director of OPMC. The Licensee shall cause the Preceptor to:
- c. Develop and submit to the Director of OPMC for written approval a remediation plan, which addresses the deficiencies /retraining recommendations identified in the CCA. Additionally, this proposal shall establish a timeframe for completion of the remediation program.
- d. Submit progress reports at periods identified by OPMC certifying whether the Licensee is fully participating in the personalized continuing medical education program and is making satisfactory progress towards the completion of the approved remediation plan.
- e. Report immediately to the Director of OPMC if the Licensee withdraws from the program and report promptly to OPMC any significant pattern of non-compliance by the Licensee.
- f. At the conclusion of the program, submit to the Director of OPMC a detailed assessment of the progress made by the Licensee toward remediation of all identified deficiencies.
- g. Licensee shall be subject to any further terms of practice conditions as may be imposed by Director, as the Director deems necessary based upon the outcome of the CCA. Such further terms may include but shall not be limited to a change in the frequency, extent, and/or focus of the monitoring set forth

in probation term 6 below. Licensee, by making this Application, stipulates that the Director shall be so authorized.

h. Licensee shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with these terms, including fees, if any, for the clinical competency assessment, the personalized continuing medical education program, or to the monitoring physician.

7) Within 30 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board-certified in an appropriate specialty ("practice monitor"), proposed by Licensee and subject to the written approval of the Director.

a) Licensee shall make available to the practice monitor all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Licensee's medical practice at every location on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection of records (no fewer than twenty) maintained by Licensee, including patient records, prescribing information and office records, to determine whether the Licensee's medical practice is conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards of professional medical care. The practice monitor shall report to OPMC within 24 hours of any perceived deviation by Licensee from accepted standards of medical care or any refusal by Licensee to cooperate with the monitoring.

- b) Licensee shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
 - c) Licensee shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director.
 - d) Licensee shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(18)(b). Licensee shall provide the Director with proof of such coverage before Licensee may practice medicine after the effective date of this Order.
- 8) Licensee shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in an area or in areas specified by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct including but not limited to controlled substance prescribing and record keeping. These continuing education programs are subject to the Director's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first 120 days of the period of Conditions.
- 9) The period of Practice Conditions shall toll when Licensee is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more. Licensee shall notify the Director, in writing, if Licensee is not currently engaged in or intends to leave active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more and Licensee shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active medical practice in New York State. Upon Licensee's return to active medical practice in New York State, the period of Practice Conditions shall resume and Licensee shall fulfill any unfulfilled 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.

- 10) Licensee shall comply with this Order, and all its terms and Conditions, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with or violation of these terms, the Director and/or the Board may initiate a proceeding against Licensee under N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

ADDENDUM (corrected 11/10/2015)
(Effective October, 21, 2015)

- A. Licensee shall join a group practice that consists of no fewer than three physicians other than herself, to allow her to establish practices and processes consistent with current standards of care, health maintenance, screening and office practices. Licensee shall remain in such a practice for a minimum period of three years from the effective date of this addendum.
- B. The requirement of a Practice Monitor set forth at Paragraph 4 Z of Exhibit "B" of BPMC Order No. ~~44-037~~ 14-307, effective December 24, 2014, shall continue for a period of three years commencing with the effective date of this addendum, subject to the tolling provision set forth at paragraph 9 of that document.
- C. Licensee shall engage in a minimum of additional 50 CME 1 credits in 2015 and annually thereafter for a period of five years, ending on December 31, 2020. Grand Rounds shall not be acceptable to meet this Condition.