

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

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August 22, 2019

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Reginald C. Buford, M.D.

Re: License No. 175288

Dear Dr. Buford:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Modification Order No. 19-215. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect August 29, 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,

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

Enclosure

cc: Victoria Soto, Esq.

Law Office of Victoria Soto 1 Chisholm Trail, Suite 150 Round Rock, Texas 78681

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

BPMC No. 19-215

MODIFICATION

ORDER

# IN THE MATTER OF REGINALD BUFORD, M.D.

Upon the proposed Application for a Modification Order of Reginald Buford 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, 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.

ORDERED, and it is further

DATE: 08/21/2019

ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

# IN THE MATTER OF REGINALD BUFORD, M.D.

MODIFICATION AGREEMENT AND ORDER

Reginald Buford, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 18, 1988, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the

State of New York and issued License No 175288 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 am currently subject to BPMC Order # BPMC 16-228 (Attachment I) (henceforth "Original Order"), which went into effect on July 12, 2016 and was issued upon a Consent Agreement signed by me (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 sanctions imposed in the Original Order were:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), I was placed on probation for a
period of three years, subject to the terms set forth in Exhibit "B" of the
Original Order; and

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230-a(7) and (9), I was subject to a fine
 In the amount of \$2,500. (Fine paid as of July 25, 2016.)

Upon the effective date of the Modification Order, the part of the sanction in the Original Order, pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), which imposed probation and related terms and conditions shall terminate.

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, and who, due to his retirement from the practice of medicine, executed a Cancellation by Request of his Texas Medical License Number H 8593 with the Texas Medical Board, which terminated his underlying Texas disciplinary order, dated March 14, 2019, shall be precluded from practicing medicine in New York State, from practicing in any setting where his practice is based solely on his 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 Consent 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 a public physician profile, and 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").

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

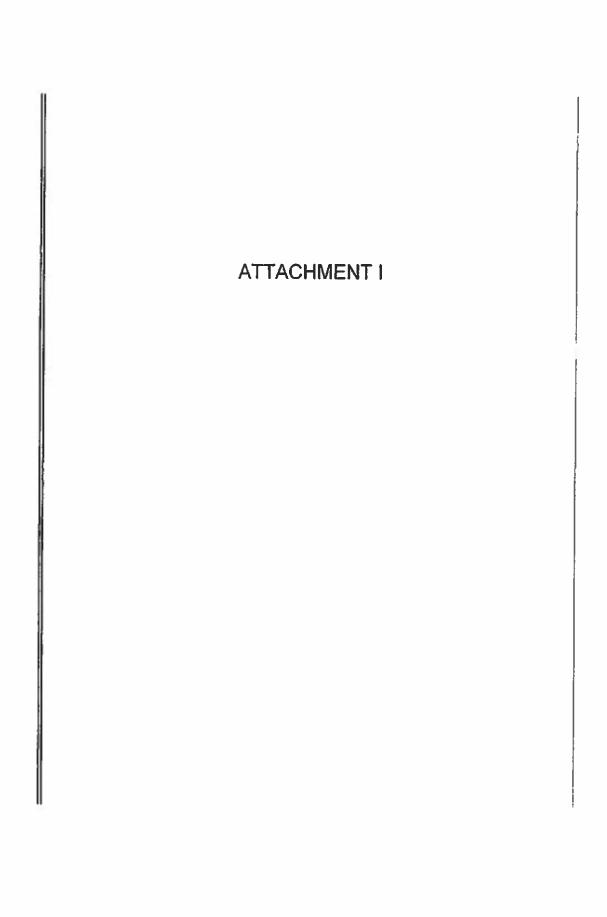
I make this Application of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint, and seek the anticipated benefit of the requested Modification. In consideration of the value to me of the acceptance by the Board of this Application, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Original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

Uniderstand 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 agreement and Order based upon my application, or to decline to do so 1 further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE 8/17/19

REGINAL D BUFORD M D. RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Modification Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions. VICTORIA SOTO, ESQ. Attorney for Respondent GERARD A. CABRERA **Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct** PAULA M. BREEN Acting Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct





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

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

July 5, 2016

### CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Reginald Buford, MD C/O Victoria Soto, Esq. The Law Office of Victoria Soto 1005 S. Rock Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

RE: License No. 175288

Dear Dr. Buford:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 16-228. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect July 12, 2016.

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 Coming Tower, Room 2784 Empire State Plaza Albany, New York 12237

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,

Henry Spector, M.D.
Acting Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: Victoria Soto, Esq. The Law Office of Victoria Soto 1005 S. Rock Street Georgetown, Texas 78626

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

## IN THE MATTER OF REGINALD BUFORD, M.D.

BPMC No. 16-228 CONSENT ORDER

Upon the application of (Respondent) Reginald Buford, 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: \_\_\_\_

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 REGINALD BUFORD, M.D.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

Reginald Buford, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about July 16, 1988, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 175288 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 assert that I cannot successfully defend against at least one of the acts of misconduct alleged, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a(9), I shall be placed on probation for a period of three years, subject to the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law §§ 230-a(7) and (9), I shall be subject to a fine in the amount of two-thousand-five-hundred dollars (\$2,500), 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.

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;

That Respondent shall comply fully with the Final Order of the Texas Medical Board dated May 1, 2014 and any extension or modification thereof; and

That Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the Texas Medical Board 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 Texas Order; 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 (ees. 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 Ilmited to: revocation or suspension of license, Censure and Reprimand, probation, public service and/or lines 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, Sulte 365, 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.

Lask 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 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_6/8/16	REGINALD BUFORD, M.D. RESPONDENT

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

VICTORIA SOTO, ESO. Atlorney for Respondent

GERARD & CABRERA Associate Course) Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

KECH W SERVIS Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

REGINALD BUFORD, M.D.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Reginald Butord, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about July 18, 1988, by the issuance of license number 175288 by the New York State Education Department.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- A. On or about May 1, 2014, the Texas Medical Board Issued a public disciplinary Final Order, after an administrative hearing, in which it found Respondent guilty of unprofessional conduct when he submitted billing statements for seven plastic surgery patients with a CPT code and/or an ICD-9 diagnosis code he knew or should have known were improper. The Texas Medical Board also found Respondent guilty of keeping insufficient patient medical records regarding these patients. Respondent was ordered to pay a fine, undergo training and be subject to a billing monitor for a term of one year.
  - The conduct resulting in the Texas disciplinary action against Respondent would conslitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law;
    - a. New York State Education Law \$6530(21) (willfully making or filing a false report required by law or by the department of health or the education department);

b. New York State Education Law § 6530 (32) (falling to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

## SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES HAVING BEEN FOUND GUILTY OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 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 taws of New York state (namely N.Y. Educ. Law §§ (21 and 32) as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A and its subparagraphs.

DATE:June 10, 2016 New York, New York

ROY NEMERSON
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.
- 3) Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law 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 es are necessary to protect the public health.
- 5) 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.
- 6) 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.
- 8) During the period of probation, Respondent shall practice only with a billing monitor as authorized pursuant to New York Pub. Health Law § 230(18). The billing monitor is to be proposed by Respondent, subject to approval by the Director of OPMC. The Respondent shall bear all costs associated with the engagement and oversight by the billing monitor. The billing monitor may audit or review Respondent's billings for services rendered during the entire probationary period, and shall report to the Director of OPMC as directed.
- 9) Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete a continuing education program in the area(s) to be determined by the Director of OPMC. This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval and shall be successfully completed within the first 90 days of the probation period.
- 10) 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.

#### "ATTACHMENT II"

## Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

- 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.
- Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
- Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation 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.
- Licensee shall 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 his/her 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. Licensee shall destroy all prescription pads bearing Licensee's name. 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 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 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, 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.