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IN THE MATTER OF

CHESLEY L. GREGORY, M.D.
(Certificate No. 202699),

No. 2018-I-965

CONSENT ORDER
FOR REPRIMAND

An investigation was conducted by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") concerning Chesley L. Gregory, M.D. ("Dr. Gregory"), a physician who at all times pertinent was licensed to practice medicine in this state, and engaged in practice in and around Many, Louisiana, following the receipt of a complaint that he misdiagnosed a patient's medical condition and failed to provide appropriate care.

In the course of the investigation, Dr. Gregory provided medical records to the Board for the patient encounter in question that had been altered without indication or disclosure. By way of subsequent explanation, he advised that he realized the chart had not been completed at the time of the patient's visit and supplemented it prior to providing it to the Board. However, billing information for the office visit in question was found to be inconsistent with the diagnosis in the altered records and the physician's explanation for making the changes.

As evidenced by his subscription to this Consent Order, Dr. Gregory acknowledges: the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information; that such acknowledgement and information could provide the Investigating Officer herein with a lawful basis to initiate formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Act; and that proof of such violation upon administrative evidentiary hearing could provide the Board with sufficient cause for such action against his license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261 *et seq.* (the "Act").¹

¹Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A) the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: (13) "[U]nprofessional conduct; and (30) "[V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board, or any provisions of this Part." The Board's rules, LAC 46:XLV.7603A.10.a., on *unprofessional conduct* provides that: "... a physician shall: (a.) not falsely create or alter a medical record or destroy a medical record except as authorized by law."

Recognizing his right to have notice of any charges that may be filed against him in this matter and to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Gregory would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:955-965, Dr. Gregory, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice of charges and administrative adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Gregory also acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §49:951 *et seq.*, or to which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Gregory also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose to and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Gregory expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D):

IT IS ORDERED that Chesley L. Gregory, M.D. is *Officially Reprimanded* for the conduct asserted hereinabove.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Gregory shall provide written confirmation to the Board that he has attended and successfully completed one or more courses of study on: (i) professionalism; and (ii) medical ethics. The courses required by this provision shall be comprehensive in nature (greater than 20 credit hours) and shall be acceptable to and pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Gregory shall pay the Board an administrative fine in the amount of three thousand (\$3,000.00) dollars within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms or conditions set forth by this Order by Dr. Gregory shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause for the imposition of such other or further action against Dr. Gregory's license to practice medicine in this state as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 29th day of July, 2019.

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By: _____



President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

STATE OF Louisiana

PARISH/COUNTY OF Sabine

I, CHESLEY L. GREGORY, M.D., hereby acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Consent Order for Reprimand and that all of its terms and conditions have been fully explained to me and/or that I fully understand them. I further acknowledge that I approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 26th day of June, 2019.

WITNESSES:

Nancy Windham Signature

Charles D. Soileau Signature

Nancy Windham Printed Name

Charles D. Soileau Printed Name

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Sabine Parish, Louisiana, this 26th day of June, 2019, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Brandy L. Soileau Notary Public (Signature)

Chesley L. Gregory, MD Chesley L. Gregory, MD

Brandy L. Soileau Printed Name

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