

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**BEFORE THE  
LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**STEVEN RHEA DELOACH, M.D.**  
*(Credential No. MD.025091),  
Respondent*

**No. 2019-I-574**

**CONSENT ORDER  
FOR REPRIMAND**

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The above-captioned proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following receipt of information relating to Steven Rhea Deloach, M.D. ("Dr. Deloach"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Credential MD.025091. At all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, Dr. Deloach was engaged in the practice of family medicine in and around New Orleans, Louisiana.

The Board initiated an investigation after receiving information that Dr. Deloach had been arrested in June 2019 for battery of a dating partner. (The charge was dismissed on January 30, 2020). Further investigation revealed that Dr. Deloach admitted to (1) writing phentermine prescriptions to the same dating partner without maintaining medical records from August 2018 to June 2019, and (2) writing phentermine prescriptions to an individual prohibited under La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 7603(A)(11) and without maintaining medical records from August 2020 to January 2021. In correspondence with the Board's staff, Dr. Deloach admitted that he failed to keep proper medical records of the prescriptions he had written for both individuals and provided a narrative description of his medical justification for writing the prescriptions at that time.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Deloach acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish sufficient cause to take action with respect to his license

pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act") pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6),<sup>1</sup> and (13).<sup>2</sup>

Recognizing his right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against him in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Deloach 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. R.S. 49:955-965, Dr. Deloach, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D) consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Deloach acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951 *et seq.*, or which may be afforded to him by any other law to contest or appeal his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Order in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Deloach also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this 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. R.S. 49:960. Dr. Deloach 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 adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board hereby concludes that, consistent with its mandate under La. R.S. 37:1261, the interests of public health, safety, and welfare will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that Steven Rhea Deloach, M.D., is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct described above.

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<sup>1</sup> The Board may take action against a medical licensee for "[p]rescribing, dispensing, or administering legally controlled substances or any dependency-inducing medication without legitimate medical justification therefor or in other than a legal or legitimate manner[.]" La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(6).

<sup>2</sup> The Board may take action against a medical licensee for "[u]nprofessional conduct, including but not limited to, . . . failing to create or maintain medical records. La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(13); *see also* La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 7603(A)(10) ("For illustrative purposes only, *unprofessional conduct* includes but is not limited to: . . . *Failing to Create or Maintain Medical Records*—a physician shall create and maintain adequate and legible patient records.") (emphasis in original). The Board may also take action against a medical licensee pursuant to La. R.S. 1285(A)(13) based on treatment of an immediate family member. *See* La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, § 7603(A)(11) ("*Self-Treatment; Treatment of Immediate Family Members*—except in cases of emergency, physicians shall not prescribe controlled substances for themselves or their immediate family members. As respects a physician, immediate family members include the physician's spouse, children, parents, and siblings.") (emphasis in original).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Dr. Deloach shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00).

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Dr. Deloach shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, provide confirmation that he has registered for, attended, and successfully completed both (1) a continuing medical education course on medical ethics/professionalism and (2) a continuing medical education course on medical record keeping. Each course shall be acceptable to and approved by the Board or its designee in writing prior to registering for and completing such course.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms set forth by this Order by Dr. Deloach shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Deloach's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may deem appropriate as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 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 25 day of Oct, 2021.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

  
LESTER W. JOHNSON, M.D.  
President

*Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page*

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF LAFAYETTE

I, STEVEN RHEA DELOACH, 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 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Steven Rhea DeLoach  
STEVEN RHEA DELOACH, M.D.

**WITNESSES:**

Elise Martin

Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
6 day of Oct, 2021, in the  
presence of the two stated witnesses.

William Bertrand

Notary Public (Signature)

Name: William Bertrand  
Notary/Bar No.: Notary Public ID#78339  
Commission expires: State of Louisiana  
My Commission is for Life