



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2023-I-9

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### IN THE MATTER OF:

**LA TANIA MICHELLE AKERS-WHITE, M.D.**  
*(Telemedicine Permit No. 322491),*  
*Respondent*

**CONSENT ORDER  
FOR REPRIMAND**

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La Tania Michelle Akers-White, M.D. (“Dr. Akers-White”) is a physician who was licensed to practice medicine on a temporary basis in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”), as evidenced by Credential No. COVID19-TMP-131, which license has been inactive since March 26, 2022. Dr. Akers-White is also currently permitted to practice telemedicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 322491. Dr. Akers-White’s primary state of medical licensure is Virginia, and she also is or has been licensed to practice medicine (including on a temporary or limited basis due to special COVID-19 permits or licenses) in over 30 other states. At all relevant times, Dr. Akers-White practiced family medicine from in and around Richmond, Virginia.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation upon receipt of apparently reliable information that Dr. Akers-White’s Virginia medical license was the subject of public disciplinary action. Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations (the “Investigating Officer”) for the Board.

In the course of the investigation, the Investigating Officer confirmed that on or around August 25, 2021, the Virginia Board of Medicine entered an Order indicating that, between 2016 and 2019, Dr. Akers-White had: dispensed controlled substances to patients while her dispensing license was expired; dispensed controlled substances without maintaining proper documentation or conducting required Prescriptions Monitoring Report checks; prescribed medications to two patients without conducting an examination or consultation and without documenting the prescriptions in her medical records; failed to create, maintain, and adequately protect drug logs, medical equipment, and medications; inappropriately wrote prescriptions for Vitamin B12 in the name of a patient insured by Medicare and had those prescriptions filled by staff members and dispensed to other patients, in order to obtain Vitamin B12 at a cheaper price; and advertised herself as being board-certified without disclosing the specific specialty board within which she

was board-certified.<sup>1</sup> The Virginia Order imposed (1) a reprimand on Dr. Akers-White's Virginia medical license; (2) a fine of \$5,000; and (3) 20 hours of continuing medical education in medical record-keeping and proper prescribing. The Virginia Order became final on September 27, 2021.

The investigation further revealed that Dr. Akers-White had been the subject of additional public disciplinary actions from other state licensing boards based on the Virginia Order. As of January 5, 2023, a National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB") search indicated that the North Dakota Board of Medicine, Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies, Texas Medical Board, South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners, and the North Carolina Medical Board each imposed public disciplinary actions, imposing, *e.g.*, reprimands, censures, and fines, with respect to Dr. Akers-White's licenses to practice medicine in those states. The Board also is aware that the State of Florida Board of Medicine has reprimanded, fined, permanently restricted from prescribing controlled substances, and imposed continuing education requirements on Dr. Akers-White's Florida medical license, also based on the Virginia Order.

Dr. White did not self-report the initial action by the Virginia Board of Medicine, or any of the subsequent state actions, to the Board within thirty (30) days of such action.

On or about September 9, 2022, the Virginia Board of Medicine published a letter indicating that Dr. Akers-White had verified her compliance with the Virginia Order, terminating the terms and conditions placed on her Virginia medical license, and stating that Dr. Akers-White's Virginia medical license was current and unrestricted as of that date.<sup>2</sup>

Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter has determined that sufficient cause exists to file formal charges against Dr. Akers-White under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29)<sup>3</sup> and (31).<sup>4</sup>

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Akers-White acknowledges that the information developed by the Board's investigation would constitute sufficient cause for the institution of administrative proceedings against her telemedicine permit and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish grounds under the Act for the

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<sup>1</sup> Order, *In re: LaTania Michelle Akers-White, M.D.*, No. 193178,199630, VA. BD. OF MED. (Aug. 25, 2021) (the "Virginia Order").

<sup>2</sup> Letter Re: License No. 0101-248716, VA. BD. OF MED. (Sept. 9, 2022).

<sup>3</sup> La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued pursuant to this Part for the following causes: . . . The refusal of a licensing authority of another state to issue or renew a license, permit, or certificate to practice medicine in that state or the revocation, suspension, or other restriction imposed on a license, permit, or certificate issued by such licensing authority which prevents or restricts practice in that state, or the surrender of a license, permit, or certificate issued by another state when criminal or administrative charges are pending or threatened against the holder of such license, permit, or certificate.").

<sup>4</sup> La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(31) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license or permit issued pursuant to this Part for the following causes: . . . Failure by a physician to self-report in writing to the board any personal action which constitutes a violation of this Part within thirty days of the occurrence.").

suspension or revocation of her permit to practice telemedicine in the State of Louisiana, or for such other action as the Board might deem appropriate.

Recognizing her right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, at which time Dr. Akers-White would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on her 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. 49:950 *et seq.*, Dr. Akers-White, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice of charges, formal adjudication and written decision and pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D)<sup>5</sup>, consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Moreover, by her subscription hereto, Dr. Akers-White also waives any right to which she may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:950 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to her by law to contest her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum or body relating to the matters referred to herein. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Akers-White 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 she waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2.<sup>6</sup> Further, Dr. Akers-White 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 her, or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate any charges that may be filed in this matter should the Board decline to approve this Order.

Based upon the information provided, and upon the recommendation of the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state, pursuant to La. R.S. 37:1261, 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. 49:975(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the permit of La Tania Michelle Akers-White, M.D., to practice telemedicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 322491, is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the conduct described above.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Dr. Akers-White's continued permit to practice telemedicine in the State of Louisiana shall be subject to her acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

- (1) **Couse on Proper Prescribing.** Within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Akers-White shall attend and successfully complete continuing medical education courses on (1) proper prescribing of controlled substances; (2) medical ethics/professionalism; and (3) medical record keeping. Each course shall be approved

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<sup>5</sup> Redesignated from La. R.S. 49:955 by 2022 La. Act No. 663, eff. Aug. 1, 2022.

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in advance by the Board. Dr. Akers-White shall submit to the Board written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision.

**(2) Payment of Fine.** Within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, Dr. Akers-White shall pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).


**(3) Effective Date.** This Consent Order shall be effective the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of its representative below.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Akers-White shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Akers-White's permit to practice telemedicine in the State of Louisiana, or for such other action 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:   
LESTER W. JOHNSON, M.D.  
*President*

*Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND CONSENT

STATE OF Virginia

PARISH/COUNTY OF Henrico

I, LA TANIA MICHELLE AKERS-WHITE, 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 22 day of March, 2023.

[Signature]  
LA TANIA MICHELLE AKERS-WHITE, M.D.

WITNESSES:

[Signature]  
Signature

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22 day of March, 2023, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]  
Notary Public (Signature)

HOWARD A MILLIGAN JR  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES MAY 31, 2026  
COMMISSION # 8035952

Name: Howard A Milligan Jr  
Notary/Bar No.: 8035952  
Commission expires: May 31 2026