



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2023-I-452

IN THE MATTER OF:

LAURA ELLEN PURDY, M.D.
(Credential No. 324749),
Respondent

CONSENT ORDER FOR REPRIMAND

Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D. ("Dr. Purdy") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as evidenced by Credential No. 324749, who at all relevant times was engaged in the practice of family medicine in and around the State of Tennessee and via telehealth in several other states where she is or was licensed to practice medicine, including the State of Louisiana.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Investigating Officer of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the "Mississippi Board") issued public disciplinary action regarding Dr. Purdy's Mississippi medical license in May 2023.

Specifically, on May 18, 2023, the Mississippi Board issued a Corrected Determination and Order (the "Mississippi Order") suspending Dr. Purdy's Mississippi medical license for three (3) months, immediately staying the suspension, ordering Dr. Purdy to complete a Center for Personalized Education for Professionals ("CPEP") PROBE course, prohibiting Dr. Purdy from practicing medicine via telehealth until June 17, 2023, and directing Dr. Purdy to report to the Mississippi Board for review of her telehealth operating procedures prior to resuming practicing medicine via telehealth.¹ The Mississippi Order was based on allegations that Dr. Purdy issued prescriptions for medications such as Ozempic to patients via telemedicine without establishing a valid physician patient relationship.

Dr. Purdy has provided information and correspondence from the Mississippi Board confirming that she has fully complied with all of the terms of the Mississippi Order as of October 23, 2023. The Board is aware that several other state licensing authorities have taken action relative to Dr. Purdy's respective medical licenses in those states, however, any such actions have been reciprocal to the Mississippi Order.

¹ Corrected Determination and Order, *In the Matter of the License of: Laura Purdy, M.D.*, MISS. BD. OF MED. LICENSURE (May 18, 2023).

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Purdy acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against her for violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29),² and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing would establish sufficient cause to take action against her license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.

In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified, and unsafe practice of medicine, La. R.S. 37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent. The Board has considered the guidelines for minimum and maximum disciplinary dispositions and the aggravating and mitigating circumstances apparent from the particular facts and circumstances of this matter.³

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Purdy 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. 49:975 *et seq.*, Dr. Purdy, nonetheless, hereby waives her right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Dr. Purdy acknowledges that she hereby 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 may be afforded to her by any other law to contest or appeal her agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this Consent Order in any court or other forum. By her subscription hereto, Dr. Purdy 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. Dr. Purdy 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 her 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. R.S. 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:975(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 324749, be and the same is hereby, **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the above-described conduct.

² The Board may take administrative action against a medical licensee based on "[t]he 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" La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(29).

³ See La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9714; 9716.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Purdy shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Purdy shall complete the free online course "Laws and Rules for Louisiana Physicians," which may be accessed through the following link, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/content/board-orientations-online-courses>. Upon completion of the course, Dr. Purdy shall complete the verification process and obtain a certificate of completion that will be submitted to the Board or its designee by the course provider.

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. Purdy shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Purdy'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.

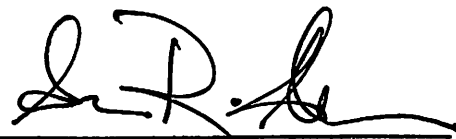
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record, and shall likewise be available on the Board's website, <https://www.lsbme.la.gov/>, under "Disciplinary Actions", and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank ("NPDB").

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27th day of January, 2024.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



TERRIE R. THOMAS, M.D.
President

(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF _____

I, LAURA ELLEN PURDY, 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 18th day of December, 2023.

Laura Purdy
LAURA ELLEN PURDY, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Alex Santori
Signature

Alex Santori
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
18th day of December 2023 in the
presence of the two stated witnesses.

Melissa Parker
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Melissa Parker

Notary/Bar No.: 44 361641

Commission expires: May 17, 2027

