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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2023-I-204

IN THE MATTER OF:

KATHY CAMILLE CORNELIUS, M.D.
(Credential No. 330694),
Respondent

**CONSENT ORDER
FOR REPRIMAND**

Kathy Camille Cornelius, M.D. ("Dr. Cornelius") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.* and Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, La. R.S. 37:1310.1, as evidenced by Credential No. 330694. Dr. Cornelius's Louisiana medical license expired as of January 31, 2024. Dr. Cornelius maintains active medical licenses in Delaware and Alabama. At all relevant times, Dr. Cornelius has been engaged in the practice of medicine, including telemedicine, in and around Wilmington, Delaware and Huntsville, Alabama. Dr. Cornelius has not been the subject of prior discipline by the Board.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed to the Investigating Officer of the Board (the "DOI" or "Investigating Officer") upon receipt of apparently reliable information indicating that Dr. Cornelius agreed to pay \$500,000 to resolve allegations that she violated the federal False Claims Act by ordering medically unnecessary genetic testing for Medicare beneficiaries residing in Delaware. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware issued a notice indicating that the claims resolved by the settlement were allegations only, and there was no determination of liability.

On April 9, 2024, Dr. Cornelius met with the Investigating Officer to discuss the allegations of violating the False Claims Act, and the circumstances underlying the settlement and to explain her practice history and plans. Dr. Cornelius was counseled on the applicable provisions of the Act and Louisiana law and indicated that she would be willing to resolve this matter by consent as described herein.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Cornelius acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and that the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against her for

violation(s), including but not limited to La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(11),¹ and that such information, if proven 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.²

Recognizing her right to notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be asserted against her in these proceedings, at which time Dr. Cornelius 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. Cornelius, 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. Cornelius 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. Cornelius 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. Cornelius 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 permit for Kathy Camille Cornelius, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. 330694, be and the same is hereby **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the above-described conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Cornelius shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Cornelius shall complete the free online course "Laws and Rules for Louisiana

¹ La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(11) ("The board may refuse to issue, or may suspend or revoke any license or permit, or impose probationary or other restrictions on any license, permit, or certificate issued pursuant to this Part or Part I-D of this Chapter for the following causes: . . . (11) Making or submitting false, deceptive, or unfounded claims, reports, or opinions to any patient, insurance company or indemnity association, company, individual, or governmental authority for the purpose of obtaining anything of economic value.").

² 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. *See* La. Admin. Code tit. 46, pt. XLV, §§ 9714; 9716.

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. Cornelius 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, within six (6) months after the effective date of this Order, Dr. Cornelius shall provide confirmation that she has registered for, attended, and successfully completed a continuing medical education (“CME”) course on medical ethics that is acceptable to and has been pre-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. Cornelius shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Cornelius’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 22ND day of July, 2024.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D. MBA
President

(Acknowledgment and Consent on Following Page)

ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA Alabama
PARISH OF Madison
County

I, KATHY CAMILLE CORNELIUS, 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 24 day of JUNE, 2024.

Kathy Cornelius
KATHY CAMILLE CORNELIUS, M.D.

WITNESSES:

[Signature]
Signature

Nick Watson
Typed Name

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Madison AL 35757
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Timorris Eutsey
Signature

Timorris Eutsey
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of June, 2024, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Alyx Kim-Yohn
Notary/Bar No.: N/A
Commission expires: April 24, 2026

