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**In The Matter Of**

**No. 19-I-206**

**MOHAMMAD K. ANWAR, M.D.**  
(License No. MD. 203173),

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**CONSENT  
ORDER FOR  
REPRIMAND**

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The above-referenced proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") following the receipt of information that Mohammad K. Anwar, M.D. ("Dr. Anwar"), a physician at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, and engaged in the practice of medicine in and around New Orleans, Louisiana, as evidenced by License No. MD. 203173, inappropriately prescribed an off-label use of medication for a seventeen year old male institutionalized patient, with likely development and psychiatric issues, who was incapable of providing informed consent.

Investigation of the captioned matter was assigned to Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, DO, JD, Investigating Officer (the "I/O") for the Board. In connection with this matter, Dr. Anwar cooperated with the investigation and met with the I/O to discuss the matter. The results of the investigation indicate to the satisfaction of the I/O that Dr. Anwar failed to create or maintain adequate records to support the off-label use of the medication depo provera and did so in the absence of documenting written informed consent from the patient's guardian or another individual capable of providing such consent.

By his subscription hereto, Dr. Anwar acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the foregoing information and, further, that proof of such information upon an administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act<sup>1</sup> for

<sup>1</sup>Pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A, the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: '(13) [U]nprofessional conduct,' including but not limited to '... failing to practice within the scope of education, training, and experience, and . . . failing to create or maintain medical records,' and '(30) '[V]iolation of any rules and regulations of the board.' The Board's rules identify *unprofessional conduct* to include, among other items: '*Failing to Create or Maintain Medical Records*—a physician shall create and maintain adequate and legible patient records.' LAC 46:XLV.7603A.10.

such action against his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate. In consideration of the foregoing, and on the recommendation of the I/O respecting the pending investigation, 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. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter, by consent.

Recognizing his right to have administrative adjudication of the above charges, at which time he 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. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Anwar, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Anwar also acknowledges that he waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Anwar also hereby authorizes the I/O 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. Anwar expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the I/O shall be without prejudice to the I/O's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges, should it 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 Mohammad K. Anwar, M.D. is hereby *Reprimanded* for the above described conduct.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within one-hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Anwar shall attend and successfully complete courses of study in the areas of: (i) medical ethics; (ii) proper prescribing of medication; and (iii) medical record keeping. All 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. Anwar shall, within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Order, pay to the Board a fine in the amount of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00).

**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. Anwar shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such further action against Dr. Anwar'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. 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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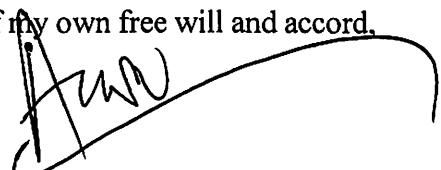
  
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RODERICK V. CLARK, M.D., MBA.  
*President*

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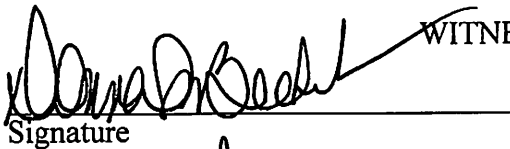
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

I, MOHAMMAD K. ANWAR, 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 the entry of the above and foregoing Order without duress and of my own free will and accord, this 30 day of January, 2020.



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MOHAMMAD K. ANWAR, M.D.

WITNESSES:

  
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Signature  
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Signature

Donald M. Bechet  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Kenner, Louisiana this 30 day of January, 2020, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Mai Trinh Vu  
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Notary Public (Signature)

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Notary Public (Printed)/Bar No.

