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

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IN THE MATTER OF:

**CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY
MANIOS, M.D.**

No. 2020-I-784

CONSENT ORDER

*(Credential No. MD.202423),
Respondent*

Christopher Anthony Manios, M.D., (“Dr. Manios”) is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.202423. Dr. Manios is also licensed to practice medicine in the State of California, as evidenced by Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate No. A 110045. At all times relevant to this order, Dr. Manios was engaged in the practice of cosmetic surgery in and around Danville, California.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”) upon notification that the Medical Board of California had revoked, suspended, or otherwise restricted Dr. Manios’s California certificate. Specifically, the Board received a Board Action Disciplinary Alert Report, advising of the Medical Board of California’s Decision adopting a Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as to Dr. Manios (the “California Order”).¹ The underlying Accusation charged Dr. Manios with two counts of “Gross Negligence, Repeated Negligence, Incompetence” and one count of “Repeated Negligence, Inadequate Recordkeeping” relating to Dr. Manios’s use of Kybella to treat a patient’s jowls, and one count of “False and Misleading Advertising, Dishonesty” based on Dr. Manios’s alleged misrepresentation of his medical training and experience on his practice’s website.

Pursuant to the California Order, Dr. Manios’s Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate was revoked, however, the revocation was stayed and Dr. Manios was placed on probation for three (3) years subject to various terms and conditions, including completion of a minimum of forty (40) hours of Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) per year during the probationary period, completion of a course in medical record keeping, completion of a professionalism program, practice monitoring with quarterly reports, and additional terms and conditions to ensure compliance with probation.

¹ See Decision, *In the Matter of the Accusation Against Christopher Anthony Manios, M.D.*, Case No. 800-2018-040591, MED. BD. OF CAL. (Aug. 27, 2020).

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Manios acknowledges the revocation, suspension, or other restriction on his certificate imposed by the Medical Board of California, that the foregoing information would provide the Investigating Officer for the Board with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him, and that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana as the Board may determine appropriate.²

Recognizing his right to have notice and administrative adjudication of any charges that may be filed in this matter, 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. R.S. 49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Manios nonetheless hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Manios also acknowledges that he 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 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. Manios 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 and to discuss with the Board the nature and result of the investigation and waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:960. Dr. Manios expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to pursue formal administrative charges against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges should the Board decline to approve this Consent 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 the license of Christopher Anthony Manios, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.202423, be and the same is hereby placed on **PROBATION**, for three (3) years (the "probationary period"), *provided, however*, that such probationary period shall apply retroactively to and run from August 27, 2020, the effective date of the California Order.

² See 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, . . .").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Manios's continuing exercise of the rights and privileges granted to him thereby shall be conditioned upon his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

- (1) **Board Approved Practice Setting.** Dr. Manios shall only engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, whether in person or remotely, in a setting pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee, pursuant to a contract of employment specifying his duties and responsibilities. Additionally, and consistent with the California Order, during the probationary period, Dr. Manios shall not engage in the practice of medicine in his or a patient's place of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed facility.
- (2) **Notification to Employers.** Dr. Manios shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to each employer, hospital, or other institution for whom he provides services as a physician in this state, whether such services are provided in person or remotely.
- (3) **Practice Monitoring and Reports.** Dr. Manios shall provide a copy of all practice monitoring reports and all other reports required by or produced pursuant to paragraph 4 of the California Order to the Board or its designee. Should Dr. Manios be relieved of these reporting requirements under the California Order, he shall provide a copy of any order or communication from the Medical Board of California relieving him of this obligation to the Board or its designee. Should the Board or its designee desire to continue receiving practice monitoring reports after the conclusion of Dr. Manios' reporting requirements under the California Order, Dr. Manios shall enter into an agreement with a Board-approved practice monitor to monitor and review his practice for the remainder of the probationary period. The practice monitor shall provide quarterly reports to the Board or its designee that will include an opinion as to whether Dr. Manios is practicing and documenting his patients' treatment in accordance with the prevailing standards of practice. Dr. Manios shall bear all costs associated with his practice monitor.
- (4) **Compliance with California Order.** Dr. Manios shall comply with the terms, conditions, and stipulations set forth in the California Order, and shall fully satisfy any term or condition of probation imposed by the Medical Board of California. In particular, Dr. Manios shall attend all courses and complete all CME requirements outlined in paragraphs 1–3 of the California Order, and shall provide proof of completion of those requirements to the Board or its designee.
- (5) **Absence from Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Manios at any time during the period of probation ordered herein discontinue practicing medicine for a period of thirty (30) days or more, or should he fail to renew his license to practice medicine in this state, he shall advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence to run again until Dr. Manios notifies the Board in writing that he has resumed the practice of medicine or renewed his Louisiana medical license. In such instance, Dr. Manios shall not receive credit

toward completion of the probationary period for the time during which he was not engaged or licensed to practice medicine.

- (6) **Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Manios shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.
- (7) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probationary term Dr. Manios shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.
- (8) **Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Manios acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received reliable information indicating his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Consent Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. R.S. 49:951, et seq., or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state pending a hearing before the Board and the conclusion of the administrative proceeding by issuance of a final decision following administrative adjudication of such charges.
- (9) **Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms.** At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary term imposed herein, Dr. Manios shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order, and shall file a written request for termination of probation in accordance with this paragraph. The probationary period and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Manios' compliance with the requirements of this provision.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, should Dr. Manios's California certificate be reinstated without restriction, or the terms and conditions of the California Order otherwise be modified or removed, in whole or in part, Dr. Manios may petition the Board for similar relief, which request may be granted or denied, at the sole discretion of the Board, and on such probationary terms, conditions and/or restrictions as the Board may then deem appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Manios shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against

Dr. Manios' 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 13th day of December, 2021.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

(Acknowledgement and Consent on following page)

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF California

PARISH/COUNTY OF Contra Costa

I, CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY MANIOS, 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 12 day of November, 2021.

[Signature]
CHRISTOPHER ANTHONY MANIOS, M.D.

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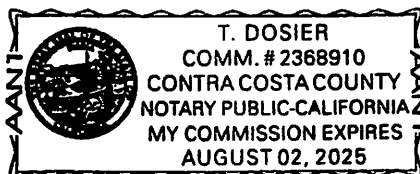
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this
12 day of NOV., 2021, in the
presence of the two stated witnesses.

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Notary Public (Signature)
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Notary/Bar No.: 2368910



Commission expires: 08/02/2025