



# LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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## BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**MANPREET SINGH M.D.**

*(Credential No. MD. 204779),  
Respondent*

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**No. 2022-I-402**

**CONSENT ORDER**

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Manpreet Singh, M.D., (“Dr. Singh”) is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.204779. The above-entitled proceeding was initially docketed for investigation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”) upon notification from the Healthcare Professionals’ Foundation of Louisiana (the “HPFL”) that Dr. Singh experienced an alcohol related relapse and entered a monitoring contract with HPFL on or about June 1, 2022. Dr. Singh’s current HPFL contract is not his first, with his initial monitoring contract, also relating to an alcohol use disorder, being in effect from 2011 through 2016.

Prior to Dr. Singh’s entry into the monitoring contract with HPFL, he successfully completed a residential treatment program at Whispering Oaks Lodge (“Whispering Oaks”) in Youngsville, Louisiana. His treatment team from Whispering Oaks express optimism about Dr. Singh’s chances for long-term sobriety, and from a clinical standpoint, believe that he can return to the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

Based on this information, Lawrence H. Cresswell, III, D.O., J.D., Director of Investigations (the “Investigating Officer”) and the Investigative Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter, determined reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could be filed against Dr. Singh, charging him with violations of the Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, *et seq.* (“the Act”) pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285(A)(5) 37:1285(A)(12).<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(A)(5) (“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: (5) Habitual or recurring abuse of drugs, including alcohol, which affect the central nervous system and which are capable of inducing physiological or psychological dependence ”); La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285(A)(12) (“The board may

Dr. Singh likewise acknowledges that the foregoing information would provide the Investigating Officer 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.

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. Rev. Stat. § 49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Singh nonetheless hereby waives his right to notice and formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to the entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Singh 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. Singh 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. Rev. Stat. § 49:960. Dr. Singh 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. Rev. Stat. § 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. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285 and La. R.S. 49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Manpreet Singh, M.D., Credential No. MD.204779, to engage in the practice of medicine be and the same is hereby placed ***ON PROBATION*** for a period of five (5) years (the "probationary period") commencing on the effective date of this Order, *provided however*, that Dr. Singh's continuing exercise of any rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions, and restrictions:

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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: (12) An inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety due to mental illness or deficiency, including but not limited to deterioration through the aging process or the loss of motor skills or excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol");

- 1. Continuing Treatment, Participation in HPFL, Reports to Board.** Dr. Singh shall continue to maintain a monitoring agreement with the HPFL for a period of no less than five (5) years. Dr. Singh shall continue in, abide by, and strictly adhere to all recommendations for ongoing treatment and monitoring which are contained in such agreement, as well as those recommended by his treating physicians and those prescribed by any other health care provider involved in his care to the extent that they continue to follow him. Dr. Singh shall, in addition, authorize and cause his treating and monitoring physicians and/or the HPFL to submit to the Board or its designee, not less frequently than quarterly, written and/or verbal reports, should the Board or its designee desire the latter, on his then-current treatment diagnosis, prognosis, course of treatment, his fitness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order and his monitoring agreement.
- 2. Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** Dr. Singh shall maintain lifelong complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and/or any mood-altering substance, except as may be prescribed by a treating physician for a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Singh shall personally inform the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer, both orally and in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the prescription or administration of any controlled or mood-altering substance received by him from any physician for treatment of a *bona fide* medical condition. If the prescription is from another physician, then he shall also inform his treating/monitoring physician in the same manner.
- 3. Drug and Alcohol Screens.** Dr. Singh shall submit to periodic, unannounced blood, urine, saliva, hair collection or other screens, including EtG and PEth levels, to detect the presence of alcohol or other mood-altering substances. Such screenings shall be random and shall occur at a frequency determined by the HPFL. Unless and until this condition is modified or rescinded by the Board or its designee, Dr. Singh shall authorize and cause such physicians or testing facility to report the results of such drug screens to the Board or its designee not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period.
- 4. Participation in Required Caduceus and/or Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous Meetings.** Dr. Singh shall participate in the required meetings of Caduceus groups and/or Alcoholics Anonymous/Narcotics Anonymous ("AA/NA") at the specified frequency required by his monitoring agreement with the HPFL, and for the duration of the probationary period. If he has not already done so, Dr. Singh shall secure an AA/NA sponsor within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order and shall divulge the identity of such sponsor to the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of this Order. Dr. Singh shall authorize this sponsor to communicate with the HPFL, the Board, and or its designee to verify Dr. Singh's attendance and recovery program.

5. **Aftercare and/or Outpatient Programs.** Dr. Singh shall participate in ongoing weekly aftercare sessions for a minimum of two (2) years from the effective date of this Order and may be required to attend aftercare beyond this minimum term if such additional aftercare is recommended by the HPFL.
6. **Individual Therapy.** Dr. Singh shall participate in individual therapy sessions at the specified frequency required by his monitoring agreement with the HPFL, and for the duration of the probationary period.
7. **Mirror Imaging.** In accordance with the terms and provisions of his monitoring agreement with HPFL, Dr. Singh shall return to Whispering Oaks for “mirror imaging,” in which he will work with newly admitted patients seeking treatment for their respective drug and/or alcohol use disorders.
8. **Practice Monitoring.** Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Singh shall enter a contract or arrangement with a Practice Monitor, who has been pre-approved in writing by the Board or its designee, to review Dr. Singh’s medical practice during the probationary period. The Practice Monitor shall work in conjunction with the Board or its designee to develop parameters for monitoring Dr. Singh’s practice, including a review of Dr. Singh’s patient records and charts. The Practice Monitor shall review no less than twelve (12) medical records quarterly and provide quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee attesting to whether Dr. Singh’s medical practice falls within the established standards of care. All fees, costs or expenses incurred by Dr. Singh in connection with this monitoring agreement shall be borne by Dr. Singh.
9. **Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports.** Dr. Singh shall and does by his subscription hereto authorize any physician, healthcare professional or any institution at which he undergoes treatment, as well as any physician under whose care he may come at such an institution, who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat or monitor him, to provide to the Board or its designee with copies of all medical reports relating to Dr. Singh’s history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board or its designee with written and/or oral reports relative thereto. Dr. Singh expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and acknowledges that he shall immediately provide the Board, or its designee written authorization to obtain such records upon request.
10. **Couse on Ethics/Professionalism.** Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Singh shall attend and successfully complete a course (or courses) on Ethics/Professionalism, with a list of approved courses available for review on the Board’s website at <https://a.storyblok.com/f/150540/x/bfa0e6daf6/board-approved->

cme-courses-7-14-2022.pdf. On or before the expiration of twelve (12) months from the effective date of the Order, Dr. Singh shall cause to be submitted to the Board or its designee written certification of satisfaction of the requirements of this provision. Dr. Singh understands that the Continuing Medical Education ("CME") requirement contained within this paragraph is in addition to, and not in lieu of, any other CME requirements contained within his monitoring agreement with the HPFL.

- 11. Notification of Order and Authorization.** Dr. Singh shall provide a copy of this Order to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer at which or for whom he provides services as a physician in this state, and upon request of the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer, Dr. Singh shall immediately execute and provide, as may be necessary, authorization to obtain any and all peer review records or other employment records pertaining to Dr. Singh from any hospital, institution or other health care entity where Dr. Singh has or has had privileges.
- 12. Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer and HPFL.** Dr. Singh shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home/professional addresses/post office boxes, home/professional telephone numbers, home/professional email addresses and/or home/professional facsimile transmission numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Singh shall cooperate with the Probation and Compliance Officer and the HPFL on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order, specifically including without limitation providing cooperation and assistance to the Board, its designee, or the HPFL in obtaining any records required under this Consent Order.
- 13. Absence from the State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Singh at any time be absent from the State of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country, or discontinue practicing as a physician for a period of thirty (30) days or more he shall so advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence again until Dr. Singh notifies the Board in writing that he has resumed the practice of medicine in Louisiana.
- 14. Probation Monitoring Fee.** For each year of the probationary period, Dr. Singh shall pay the Board an annual probation monitoring fee of three-hundred dollars (\$300). 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.
- 15. Self-Reporting of Violations.** Dr. Singh shall immediately self-report in writing to the Board or its designee any violation or failure to adhere to the terms, conditions, or

restrictions of this Order. Furthermore, Dr. Singh shall immediately self-report in writing to the Board any personal action or inaction which constitutes a violation of the Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1261, *et seq.*

**16. Effect of Violation/Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Singh 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 Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearings or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. § 49:951, *et seq.*, or which otherwise be afforded to him by law, constitute 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.

**17. Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms; Option for Early Termination of Probation.** At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary period imposed herein, Dr. Singh shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order. The probationary period and all its terms, conditions and restrictions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended, and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Singh's compliance with the requirements of this provision. Notwithstanding the foregoing provision, Dr. Singh may petition the Board for relief either from his probationary status in its entirety or any of the specified probationary terms, no sooner than three (3) years from the effective date of this Order, **which petition the Board may, in its sole discretion, grant, grant in part, or deny.** As an express condition to the consideration of such petition, Dr. Singh shall, in addition to executing an affidavit certifying compliance with all or some of the terms of probation imposed by this Order, shall make himself available upon request for a personal appearance before the Board or its designee to discuss his compliance and then-current practice and future for practice in the State of Louisiana.

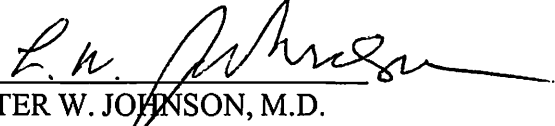
**18. Effective Date.** This Consent Order shall be effective as of the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of the Board's representative below.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions, or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Singh shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Singh'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 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

*(Acknowledgement and Consent on following page)*

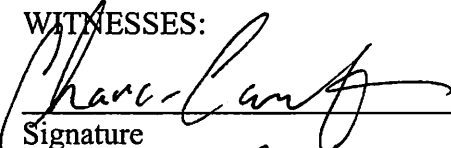
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF Louisiana  
PARISH/COUNTY OF East Baton Rouge

I, MANPREET SINGH, 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 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 29th day of September, 2022.

  
MANPREET SINGH, M.D.


WITNESSES:

  
Signature

Charisma Cummings  
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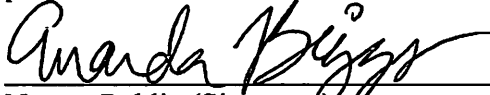
  
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JACELYN T BERRYHILL  
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 29th day of September, 2022, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

  
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Amanda Biggs

Notary/Bar No.: 179418

Commission expires: At Death

AMANDA BIGGS  
NOTARY PUBLIC NO. 179418  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
PARISH OF EAST BATON ROUGE  
My Commission is for Life