



LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

No. 2024-I-429

IN THE MATTER OF:

CONSENT ORDER

POOJA ROY, M.D.
(*Credential No. MD.337760*),
Respondent

Pooja Roy, M.D. ("Dr. Roy") is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1261 *et seq.*, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.337760, who at all relevant times was engaged in the practice of internal medicine in and around New Orleans, Louisiana.

The above-entitled proceeding was docketed for investigation to the Director of Investigations (the "Investigating Officer" or "DOI") of the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information indicating that Dr. Roy had failed an alcohol screen on June 14, 2024, and had relapsed on her monitoring agreement with the Healthcare Professionals Foundation of Louisiana ("HPFL").

Specifically, Dr. Roy had been arrested on October 31, 2022 in Pennsylvania for driving under the influence. After applying for her Louisiana medical license and disclosing her arrest, she attended an evaluation at a Board-approved facility from March 6-9, 2023, and executed an initial five-year HPFL monitoring agreement on May 10, 2023. On June 14, 2024, Dr. Roy tested positive for alcohol in a random urine drug screen. In her response to the Board, Dr. Roy admitted to having two glasses of punch, but stated that she has stopped drinking and "take[s] responsibility" for her relapse.

Dr. Roy subsequently attended an evaluation at a Board-approved facility from July 16-18, 2024. The evaluators diagnosed Dr. Roy with moderate alcohol use disorder and concluded that she was not safe to practice until she completed an HPFL-approved inpatient treatment program as well as execute a five-year monitoring agreement with the HPFL. Dr. Roy successfully completed treatment on September 9, 2024, and executed a new, five-year monitoring agreement with the HPFL on September 5, 2024. Based on the above, the Board finds sufficient support for the conclusion that Dr. Roy is now capable of practicing medicine with skill and safety to patients.

As evidenced by her subscription hereto, Dr. Roy 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 violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(12),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. Roy 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. Roy, 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. Roy 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. Roy 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. Roy 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 Pooja Roy, M.D., to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Credential No. MD.337760, be and the same is hereby, **OFFICIALLY REPRIMANDED** for the above-described conduct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Roy 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 and No/100 Dollars (\$2,000.00).

¹ La. R.S. 37:1285(A)(12) ("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...(12) An inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety due to mental illness or deficiency, including but not limited to...excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol.")

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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Dr. Roy shall, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the date of this Order, pay to the Board the costs incurred in this matter, including attorneys' fees, in the amount of One-Thousand and Fifteen and No/100 Dollars (\$1,015.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within one hundred and twenty (120) days of the effective date of this Order, Dr. Roy 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. Roy 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 Dr. Roy shall continue to maintain and comply with her monitoring agreement with the HPFL for a period of no less than five (5) years from the Effective Date of the Agreement. Dr. Roy agrees that the HPFL shall report any violation of her agreement to the Board or its designee. The Board may take disciplinary action against Dr. Roy based on any future violation of her HPFL agreement, as if such violation was enumerated among the causes provided in La. R.S. 37:1285.

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. Roy shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for such other action against Dr. Roy'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 24th day of February, 2025.

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

PARISH OF Orleans

I, POOJA ROY, 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 25th day of January, 2025.

Pooja Roy
POOJA ROY, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Richard Persad
Signature

Richard Persad
Typed Name

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Donald Emery Jr.
Signature

Donald Emery JR
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of January, 2025, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

Sheila Sterling
Notary Public (Signature)

Name: Sheila Sterling
Notary/Bar No.: 151339
Commission expires: 11-22-24

