February 2025 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board

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2. Rena Laterice Keeby, PA-C

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Physician Assistant
Consent Agreement for Reinstatement

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

LINDA SUE ARNOLD, MD, License No. 40299,

* DOCKET NO:

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DOCKET NUMBER:

Respondent.

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board") and LINDA SUE ARNOLD, MD ("Respondent") the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about January 28, 2020, the Board received a written complaint alleging that Respondent had knowingly prescribed narcotics and opiates to Patient C.F. who had a history of substance abuse. On or about May 7, 2021, the Board subpoenaed medical records for Patient C.F. After utilizing a peer reviewer, the Board determined, as to Patient C.F., that Respondent's practice fell below the minimum standards of care.

3.

Specifically, on or about March 17, 2020, the Department of Child and Family Services ("DCFS") called Respondent's office to report that Patient C.F. was "sleeping all day," "unable to

hold a coherent conversation," and was "not taking care of [her] children or [doing] anything else" due to being "overmedicated." At the time of the DFCS report, the peer reviewer noted Patient C.F. was on the following potentially sedating medications: Propranolol 10 mg BID, Cymbalta 60 mg BID, Neurontin 300mg TID, Percocet 7.5/325 1 tab Q 6 hrs, Zanaflex 4mg TID, and Buspirone 15mg BID. On or about March 24, 2020, Respondent approved a renewal of the Percocet and Zanaflex. No actions were taken to follow up on the DFCS report until June 25, 2020 when Patient C.F. requested to be "weaned down" from the Percocet.

4.

The peer reviewer opined Respondent failed to address medication side effects in a timely fashion and failed to consider medication side effect synergy. Additionally, when requested by Patient C.F. to be "weaned down" from the Percocet, Respondent should have consulted a specialist for additional input into management.

5.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon her license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, <u>as amended</u>. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that her license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Fine and Fee. Within sixty (60) days of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and a fee of one thousand, three hundred dollars (\$1,300.00) to reimburse the Board for actual costs expended in this case. Such fine and fee shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.
- 2. <u>Coursework.</u> Within ninety (90) days of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall complete an intensive prescribing course, which shall be subject to Board approval. Said course shall not be used as CME hours for renewal. Documentation evidencing completion of coursework may be sent to Latisha Bias, Director of Compliance, via email to <u>latisha.bias@dch.ga.gov</u>, or as otherwise directed by the Board. Failure to submit the required documentation, within the stated time period, shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and

shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent

Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for

Respondent's conduct.

3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that she has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. Respondent understands that, by entering into this Consent Order,

Respondent may not be eligible for a multistate license. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this day of

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES

Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

LINDA SUE ARNOLD, MD

Respondent

[As to the Signature of Linda Sue Arnold, MD]

Sworn to and subscribed before me day of_

, 2025.

My Commission Expires:

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)	GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
RENA LATRICE KEEBY, PA-C License No. 2657,)) DOCKET NO:))	FEB 0 7 2025 DOCKET NUMBER:
Reinstatement Applicant.)	

CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR REINSTATEMENT

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters I and 34, the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), in its discretion, has considered the reinstatement application for licensure of Rena Latrice Keeby ("Applicant") to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. In conjunction therewith, the Board hereby enters its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about June 8, 1995, Applicant was issued a license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia. On or about January 31, 2024, Applicant's license expired. Then on or about April 30, 2024, Applicant's license lapsed for failure to renew.

2.

On or about December 10, 2024, Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant. While reviewing the application, it was discovered that Applicant had worked as a physician assistant in Georgia after her license lapsed.

3.

Applicant waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The unlicensed practice disclosed by Applicant is grounds for denial of licensure or licensure with discipline under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended. Reinstatement of Applicant's license is within the discretion of the Board. Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Applicant's license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated, subject to the following terms:

1.

Applicant shall submit to the Board a fine of **one thousand dollars (\$1000.00)** to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement. Said fine shall be sent to Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount by the 90th day shall be considered a violation of this Agreement and shall result in further sanctioning of Applicant's licensure, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

This Consent Agreement and dissemination thereof shall be considered a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** of Applicant by the Board.

3.

The effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is docketed.

Applicant should receive a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board at the Applicant's

address and/or email address of record within ten (10) business days of the docket date. If
Applicant has not received a docketed copy of the Consent Order, it is Applicant's responsibility
to obtain a docketed copy of the Consent Order from the Board. Applicant must comply with the
terms and conditions of the Consent Order beginning on the effective date.

4.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Agreement and understands its contents. Applicant understands that Applicant has the right to an appearance in this matter and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Agreement. Applicant understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement and that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Agreement. Applicant further understands that this Consent Agreement will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. However, if this Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter. Applicant hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

(Signature on following page)

Approved this 7th day of February, 2025.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

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BY:

SREENIVASULU GANGASANI, MD

Chairperson

ATTEST:

JASON S. JONES Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

RENA LATRICE KEEBY, PA-C

Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature only:] Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of day of 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires: Let 24 2075

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NOTARY PUBLIC
Clayton County, GEORGIA

My Commission Expires 10/24/2025