

August 2022 Public Board Actions List

Georgia Composite Medical Board
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The Board issued **two** public orders in **August 2022**. To view each Board order, click on the licensee's name below.

1. **Michael Sammy Deen, MD**

58459

Physician

Order of Termination of Public Consent Order for Reinstatement

2. **Lawrence D. Berman, MD**

35374

Physician

Order of Completion

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D.,
License No. 058459,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

AUG 19 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:
20230004

ORDER OF TERMINATION OF PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

WHEREAS, on or about August 02, 2018, Michael Sammy Deen, M.D. ("Dr. Deen") entered into a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement ("Order") with the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), Docket No. 20190002, which subjected Respondent's license to various terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2019, the Board entered an Amendment to the Order, Docket No. 20200030, which terminated some of the terms and conditions imposed by the Board in the Order.

WHEREAS, on or about July 09, 2021, the Board entered an Amendment to the Order, Docket No. 20220002, which terminated some of the terms and conditions imposed by the Board in the Order.

WHEREAS, on or about June 24, 2022, Respondent petitioned for an Order of Termination of Public Consent Order for Reinstatement.

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Consent Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

THEREFORE, the Board hereby enters this order terminating the obligations of the 2018 Public Consent Order and its amendments. Respondent has successfully completed the terms of the Public Consent Orders, Docket Numbers 20190002, 20200030, and 20220002. Respondent's license is in good standing.

This 19 day of August, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD



BY:

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Matthew W. Norman, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Daniel R. Dorsey
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D.,) DOCKET NO.:
License No. 058459,)
Reinstatement Applicant.)

JUL 09 2021

DOCKET NUMBER:
20220002

SECOND AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

WHEREAS, on or about August 18, 2018, Michael Sammy Deen, M.D. (“Dr. Deen”) entered into a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement (“Order”) with the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”), Docket No. 20190002, which subjected Respondent’s license to various terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, on or about September 30, 2019, the Board entered an Amendment to the Order, Docket No. 20200030, which terminated some of the terms and conditions imposed by the Board in the Order.

WHEREAS, on or about January 11, 2021, the Board received a request from Dr. Deen to terminate the Order, which request the Board reviewed at its March 4, 2021 meeting.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby again amends the Public Consent Order for Reinstatement as follows:

1.

The probationary term imposed by the Board is hereby terminated. Dr. Deen’s license shall show as active on the Board’s website.

2.

Dr. Deen shall continue to cause the GA PHP and his employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, as required by paragraphs (1)(a) and (1)(f) of the Order, which remain in effect. All other terms under the Order are hereby terminated.

3.

This Second Amendment to the Public Consent Order for Reinstatement shall become effective upon its docketing by the Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

Accepted this 9th day of July, 2021.

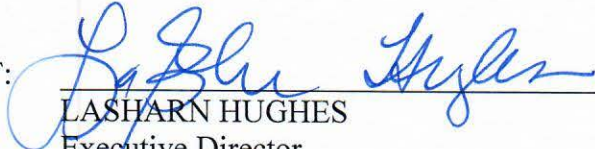


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GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:



LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D.,
License No. 058459

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DOCKET NO.:

SEP 30 2019

DOCKET NUMBER:
20200030

AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

WHEREAS, on or about August 2, 2018, Michael Sammy Deen, M.D. ("Dr. Deen") entered into a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement, Docket No.: 20190002 ("Order") with the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), which granted Dr. Deen a license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia subject to a period of probation with terms and conditions;

WHEREAS, the Order sets forth probationary terms under paragraph 1(b) requiring Dr. Deen to practice with direct supervision; paragraph 1(c) requiring Dr. Deen to submit proctor reports; and paragraph 1(g) requiring Dr. Deen to complete a Board approved live, in-person Family Medicine Board Review course of forty (40) hours, including three (3) in pharmacology; and a medical records course consisting of a minimum of ten (10) hours.

WHEREAS, Dr. Deen also seeks to reinstate his DEA certification and is not under any Board ordered restrictions for his DEA certification.

WHEREAS, on or about June 26, 2019, Dr. Deen petitioned the Board to lift the restrictions contained in paragraphs 1(b), 1(c), and 1(g) of the Order, and provided evidence of completion of the terms and conditions contained therein.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board hereby modifies the Order as follows:

1.
Paragraph 1(b) is lifted such that there is no longer a requirement for the direct supervision of Dr. Deen in the practice of medicine.
2.
Paragraph 1(c) is lifted such that there is no longer a requirement for proctor reports.
3.
Paragraph 1(g) is lifted such that there is no longer a requirement for additional CME's in addition to the required CME's for license renewal. Dr. Deen must ensure that the required CME's for license renewal are completed upon submission of a renewal application.
4.
There are no Board ordered restrictions against Dr. Deen's DEA certification.

5.

Except as provided herein, Dr. Deen's license shall remain on probation and subject to all of the remaining terms and conditions as set forth in the Public Consent Order for Reinstatement, Docket No.: 20190002. A violation of this Amendment to Public Consent Order for Reinstatement shall be considered a violation of a lawful order of the Board as if it were a violation of the August 2, 2018 Public Consent Order for Reinstatement.

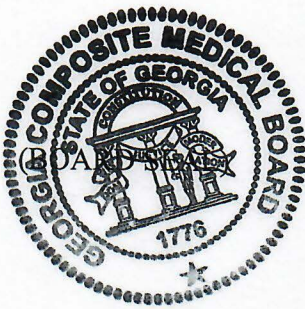
6.

The Amendment to Public Consent Order for Reinstatement shall become effective upon its acceptance by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and its docketing by the Executive Director of the Georgia Composite Medical Board.

SO ORDERED, this 30th day of September, 2019.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GRETCHEN COLLINS, M.D.
Chairperson



ATTEST:


LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D.,) DOCKET NO.:
License No. 058459,)
Reinstatement Applicant.)

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

AUG 02 2018

DOCKET NUMBER:
20190002

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER FOR REINSTATEMENT

The Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”), in its discretion, has considered the request for reinstatement of the license of MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D. (“Applicant”), to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. In conjunction therewith, and pursuant to O.C.G.A. T. 43, Chs. 1 and 34, the Board hereby enters its Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

On or about September 15, 2006, Applicant was issued a license, number 058459, to practice medicine in the State of Georgia. Applicant’s license was placed on inactive status in or about March of 2015, and Applicant has not practiced medicine since that time.

2.

On or about August 10, 2017, the Applicant submitted an application for reinstatement of his medical license. In his application, Applicant disclosed having received treatment for chemical dependence, and informed the Board of his participation in a monitoring program. Based on the period of time that elapsed since Applicant had practiced medicine, Applicant was required to

provide evidence of having obtained a clinical skills assessment, the results and recommendations of which the Board received and has reviewed.

3.

Applicant admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Reinstatement of Applicant's license to practice medicine in Georgia under O.C.G.A. Ch. 34, T. 43, as amended, is within the sole discretion of the Board. The Applicant hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

The Board, having considered the application for reinstatement of Applicant's license, hereby orders and Applicant hereby agrees as follows:

1.

Beginning on the effective date of this Consent Order, Applicant's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia shall be reinstated on a period of probation, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) PARTICIPATION IN AFTERCARE/MONITORING WITH QUARTERLY REPORTS. Within thirty (30) days of the docketing of this Consent Order, Applicant shall provide evidence to the Board of his enrollment and participation in the Georgia Professional Health Program (GA PHP). Applicant's participation in the GA PHP shall be viewed as a condition precedent to all other provisions set forth herein, and the Applicant's failure to comply with that requirement, upon substantiation thereof, shall subject the Applicant's license to revocation.

The Applicant shall provide a copy of this Order to the Executive Director of the GA PHP and shall cause the GA PHP to submit quarterly reports to the Board by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing throughout the period of probation. The reports shall evaluate Applicant's compliance with his GA PHP monitoring contract. Applicant agrees that a report from the Applicant's program counselor that the Applicant has failed to comply with the requirements of the program and/or that the Applicant is otherwise unable to function as a physician shall constitute reasonable grounds for the Board to order the Applicant to undergo a mental/physical examination and may also be reasonable grounds for disciplinary action, including summary suspension. Reports submitted pursuant to this paragraph shall be deemed medical records and shall not be subject to disclosure by the Board. In the event the reports are used in a subsequent hearing, they shall be received in camera.

(b) DIRECT SUPERVISION. Applicant shall only practice medicine under the practice restrictions set forth in paragraph 1 (d) below **and** under the direct supervision of an approved, board certified primary care physician ("Proctor"), who shall be in the room with Applicant when Applicant is seeing patients. Applicant shall provide a copy of his clinical skills assessment report and a copy of this Order to the Proctor, who shall submit a letter to the Board indicating he/she has received both documents and agrees to serve as Applicant's Proctor upon approval of the Board. **Applicant shall not practice medicine until he has received notice of approval from the Board.**

(c) PROCTOR REPORT. After three (3) months of practicing medicine with his Proctor, Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted a written report to the Board from the Proctor regarding Applicant's clinical practice, including but not limited to number of hours

worked, number of patients seen, and the Proctor's opinion on Applicant's ability to practice medicine independently with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The report shall also address the Proctor's opinion on Applicant's medical knowledge and steps Applicant has taken to improve his medical knowledge. The Applicant shall continue to practice under direct supervision until the Board has received and reviewed the report, and notified the Applicant that he has completed the terms of direct supervision. Any decision to extend the period of direct supervision shall be in the discretion of the Board.

(d) PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS.

(1) Applicant's practice of medicine shall be limited to part-time practice of no more than thirty (30) hours per week for six (6) months; followed by no more than forty (40) hours per week for the next six (6) months. Applicant shall ensure that the Board receives quarterly reports from his employer as set forth in paragraph 1(e) below.

(2) While this Consent Order is in effect, Applicant shall not supervise or employ midlevel providers (physician assistants or advance practice registered nurses).

(e) QUARTERLY PERSONAL REPORTS. The Applicant shall submit personal quarterly reports to the Board by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing throughout the period of probation. The reports shall include information as to where Applicant is employed, hours worked, and any change in Applicant's address of record. Failure to submit such reports, upon substantiation thereof, shall be grounds for sanction or revocation of Respondent's license.

(f) QUARTERLY EMPLOYER REPORTS. Applicant shall submit or cause to be submitted written, quarterly reports to the Board from his employer(s) regarding Applicant's

employment and clinical practice, including but not limited to hours worked, attendance, number of patients seen, and any issues arising concerning Applicant's ability to practice medicine. The reports shall be due by March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each calendar year, commencing on the first reporting date following the effective date of this Order and continuing while this Order is in effect. Failure to submit or have such reports submitted in a timely manner shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.

(g) CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION (CME). **In addition to** the continuing medical education required for license renewal, **within six (6) months of the docket date** of this Consent Order, Applicant shall: (1) attend and complete a Board approved live, in-person Family Medicine Board Review course of forty (40) hours, including three (3) hours in pharmacology; and (2) complete a Board approved medical records course consisting of a minimum of ten (10) hours. The CME requirement shall be deemed satisfied upon the Board's receipt of evidence of Applicant's successful completion of both of the courses.

(h) CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR EMPLOYMENT. Applicant shall notify the Board in writing of any change in address or employment within 10 (ten) days of the change.

(i) ABIDE BY LAWS, RULES, AND TERMS. The Applicant shall abide by all State and Federal laws regulating the practice of medicine, the Rules and Regulations of the Board, and the terms of the Consent Order. If the Applicant shall fail to abide by any of the terms of this Consent Order or such laws or rules, Applicant's license shall be subject to discipline, including revocation, upon substantiation thereof after notice and hearing, and if revoked, the Board in its discretion may determine that the license should be permanently revoked and not subject to reinstatement.

(j) ADDRESS FOR REPORTS. All reports required under this Consent Order shall be sent to the **Georgia Composite Medical Board, to the attention of the Executive Director, at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.**

(k) PETITION TO TERMINATE ORDER. After Applicant has practiced medicine under the terms of this order for a period of one (1) year, Applicant shall be eligible to petition the Board to terminate the Order. Applicant's petition shall include a letter of support from his employer and the GA PHP. At such time, Applicant may petition to terminate the order by certifying under oath before a notary public that Applicant has complied with all conditions of this Order and has advocacy supporting termination of probation. The Board shall review and evaluate the practice of Applicant prior to terminating this Order. At such time, should the Board determine that reasonable cause exists for maintaining or adding any terms or conditions on Applicant's license, including but not limited to supervision or a period of additional probation, the Board shall notify Applicant of its intent to modify this Order to impose any terms deemed necessary at the time of Applicant's petition, and Applicant may respond to such notice in writing or request an appearance before the Board as in a non-contested case. This Consent Order shall remain in effect pending a final determination by the Board and notification to the Applicant that it has been terminated.

2.

This Consent Order shall constitute and may be disseminated as a public record of the Board.

3.

Applicant acknowledges that Applicant has read this Consent Order and that he understands its contents. Applicant understands that he has the right to an appearance before the

Board, and Applicant freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right and enters into this Consent Order. Applicant further understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the presentation of this Consent Order and that the Board shall have the authority to review the application file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Applicant understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until accepted and docketed by the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Applicant consents to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Approved this 2nd day of August, 2018.



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:

J. Jeffrey Marshall
J. JEFFEREY MARSHALL, M.D.
Chairperson

ATTEST:

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LASHARN HUGHES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO:

Michael S. Deen
MICHAEL SAMMY DEEN, M.D.
Applicant

[As to Applicant's signature only:]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This 31 day of July, 2018.

Serena Outler
NOTARY PUBLIC
My commission expires: 8/21/21



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

LAWRENCE DAVID BERMAN, M.D.,
License No. 35374,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO.:

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

AUG 18 2022

DOCKET NUMBER:
20730003

ORDER OF COMPLETION

WHEREAS, on or about March 09, 2022, Lawrence David Berman, M.D. ("Dr. Berman") entered into a Public Consent Order ("Order") with the Georgia Composite Medical Board ("Board"), Docket No. 20220070 which subjected Respondent's license to various terms and conditions.

WHEREAS, on or about August 12, 2022, Respondent petitioned for an Order of Completion.

WHEREAS, upon review, the Board has determined that Respondent has complied with the terms of the Consent Order to the satisfaction of the Board.

THEREFORE, the Board hereby enters this Order of Completion to indicate that Respondent has successfully completed the terms of the Public Consent Order, Docket Number 20220070. Respondent's license is in good standing.

This 18 day of August, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY:



Matthew W. Norman, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST:



Daniel R. Dorsey
Executive Director



BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

GEORGIA COMPOSITE
MEDICAL BOARD

STATE OF GEORGIA

MAR 09 2022

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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LAWRENCE BERMAN, M.D.,)
License Number 35374,)
)
Respondent.)

DOCKET NO. 20220070

PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Georgia Board”) and LAWRENCE BERMAN, M.D. (“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 in the State of Georgia and was licensed at all times relevant to the matters stated herein.

2.

Respondent, while employed with at least one telemedicine company, prescribed/ordered durable medical equipment (DME) for multiple individuals outside of an established physician-patient relationship. At least three of such individuals resided in the State of Georgia.

3.

Patient R.T.

On or about October 31, 2018, Respondent prescribed Patient R.T. DME consisting of a back brace without performing an in-person examination nor performing an examination using technology that is equal to or superior to an examination done personally by a provider.

4.

Patient J.T.

On and between August 29, 2019, and September 3, 2019, Respondent prescribed Patient J.T. DME consisting of a hip brace, ankle brace, and heel brace without performing an in-person examination nor performing an examination using technology that is equal to or superior to an examination done personally by a provider.

5.

Patient B.C.

On or about August 15, 2019, Respondent prescribed Patient B.C. DME consisting of a knee brace and a knee sleeve without performing an in-person examination nor performing an examination using technology that is equal to or superior to an examination done personally by a provider.

6.

Respondent's aforementioned conduct departed from and failed to conform to the minimum standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice and was a violation of Georgia's laws and the Board's rules. *See* Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 360-3-.07 (Practice Through Electronic or Other Such Means), O.C.G.A. § 43-34-8(a), and O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19(a).

7.

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

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

ORDER

The Georgia Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances of this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that the following sanctions shall be imposed upon Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of Georgia:

1.

Within **thirty (30) days** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Georgia Board a fine of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be paid in full by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board. Said fine shall be sent to the Georgia Composite Medical Board, located at 2 Peachtree Street, NW, 6th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30303, to the attention of the Executive Director. Failure to pay the entire amount within (30) days of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

2.

Within **six (6) months** of the effective date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall successfully complete twenty (20) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") course(s) focusing on prescribing during telemedicine. Said CME may be completed online and shall be in addition to the CME required of all Georgia physicians. Respondent shall provide written

evidence of successful completion of the CME to the Georgia Board within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order. Failure to provide written evidence of successful completion of the CME within six (6) months of the effective date of this Consent Order shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order and shall result in further sanctioning of Respondent's license, upon substantiation thereof.

3.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **public reprimand** of Respondent by the Georgia Board.

4.

Respondent also understands that pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapter 34A, the contents of this Consent Order shall be placed on Respondent's Physician Profile. Furthermore, by executing this Consent Order, Respondent hereby agrees to permit the Georgia Board to update the Physician's Profile reflecting this Consent Order.

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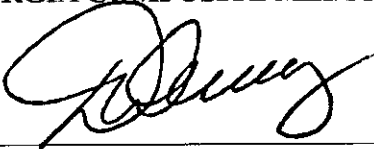
Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to a hearing in this matter and freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives that right by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the Department of Law may be present during the Georgia Board's consideration of this Consent Order and that the Georgia Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent further understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved and docketed by the Georgia Board. Respondent understands

that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Georgia Board that may be disseminated as such. However, if this Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding, or prejudice the right of the Georgia Board to adjudicate this matter. Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

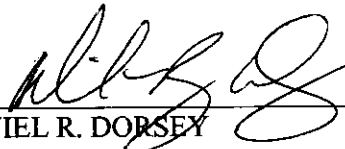
Approved this 9 day of March, 2022.

GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

(BOARD SEAL)

BY: 
DESPINA DALTON, M.D.
Chairperson



ATTEST: 
DANIEL R. DORSEY
Interim Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: 
LAWRENCE BERMAN, M.D.
Respondent

AS TO THE SIGNATURE OF
LAWRENCE BERMAN, M.D.:
Sworn to and subscribed before me
This, 25 day of February, 2022.


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My Commission Expires: Nov. 16, 2025



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