State of Rhode Island
Department of Health
Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline



IN THE MATTER OF: Lisa Milder D.O. License Number DO 00423 Case # C171520

CONSENT ORDER

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (hereinafter "Board") has reviewed and investigated the above referenced complaint pertaining to Dr. Lisa Milder (hereinafter "Respondent") through its Investigative Committee.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since June 10th,
 1992. Her primary specialty is Internal Medicine. Her practice is located at 2740 South County Trail #2, East Greenwich, Rhode Island.
- The Board received a complaint alleging Respondent had undue influence and financial
 exploitation of Patient A (alias). Complainant reported Patient A was a widow and did not
 always make the best financial decisions.
- 3. Respondent was the attending physician for Patient A and began caring for Patient A in 2013.
- 4. Respondent treated Patient A for various acute and chronic medical conditions. These conditions required treatment with prescription medication, some of which included benzodiazepines and opioids, which are controlled substances.

- 5. Respondent admits she became socially acquainted and friends with Patient A through her practice. Respondent admits this friendship started after Patient A was widowed. Respondent admits Patient A was invited to holiday and family functions as Patient A's family was out of state and out of the country. Patient A knew Respondent's husband was between jobs.
- 6. Patient A offered to help financially and started to begin a pattern of giving financial assistance to Respondent. Patient A gave Respondent money for office expenses, office furniture, medical equipment, college tuition for Respondent's children, and holiday and birthday gifts. Patient also gave Respondent a used Porsche automobile, a used Audi automobile and a golf membership.
- 7. Respondent violated Rhode Island General Laws, specifically, § 5-37-5.1 Unprofessional conduct: The term "unprofessional conduct" as used in this chapter includes, but is not limited to, the following items or any combination of these items and may be further defined by regulations established by the board with the prior approval of the director:

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board.
- Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board, and this Consent Order is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
- 3. If ratified by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and

- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review.
- h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Date Bank, Federation of State Medical Boards as well as posted on the department's public web site.
- 4. Respondent agrees to pay within (60) days of the ratification of this Consent Order an administrative fee to the Board with a check for \$850 dollars made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint.
- 5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on her physician license.
- 6. Respondent will complete and pass CPEP Probe course within 6 months of ratification of this order. Respondent will send evidence of passing this course to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov no later than 10 business days after receiving results.
- 7. Respondent will notify the Board at <u>DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov</u> prior to seeking licensure in any other jurisdiction in the United States.
- 8. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an agreement of the board as specified in Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1(24), a violation of which constitutes unprofessional conduct.
- 9. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after it is signed and accepted, the Director of the Department of Health shall have the discretion to immediately suspend Respondent's license, and/or impose further disciplinary action. If the Director suspends Respondent's license and/or imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request a hearing within twenty (20) days of the immediate suspension and/or further discipline. The Director of the Department of Health shall also have the discretion to request an administrative hearing after notice to Respondent of a violation of any term of this Consent Order. The Administrative Hearing Officer may suspend Respondent's license, or impose further discipline, for the remainder

of Respondent's licensing period if the alleged violation is proven by a preponderance of evidence.

Signed this 28 day of August, 2018.

Lina Milder, DO

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 12th day of Section 2018.

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