State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline



Afshin Nasseri, M.D. License Number MD10174 Complaint Numbers C16-1526

SUSPENSION

Afshin Nasseri, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. An investigation was conducted by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (Board) and a subsequent Consent Order was ratified by the Board on July 10th, 2016. The Board and the Director of Health make the following

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Respondent is a physician who has been licensed in Rhode Island since October 5, 1999.
 His business address is 300 Tollgate Road, Suite 101(b), Warwick, RI 02886. He graduated from Universidad Eugenio Maria De Hostos in 1993.
- 2. Respondent agreed to and signed a Consent Order based on complaint C15-1282.
- 3. The signed Consent Order was ratified by the Board on July 10, 2016.
- 4. The Board alleges Respondent has violated Rhode Island General Law § 5-37-5.1 (24) "Violating any provision or provisions of this chapter or the rules and regulations of the board or any rules or regulations promulgated by the director or of an action, stipulation, or agreement of the board;".

 The Board became aware of a matter that questioned whether Respondent had complied with the terms of a Consent Order signed by Respondent and ratified by the Board on July 10th, 2016.

Respondent agreed in the ratified Consent Order of July 10th, 2016 to:

- (3) Acceptance of this Consent Order constitutes an admission by Respondent of the Finding of Facts set forth herein and admission that the 2012 Consent Order was violated, which also is a violation RIGL Section 5-37-5.1(24), and Respondent is reprimanded by the Board with respect to such violations.
- (4) This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and by the Board.
- (5) Failure to comply with this Consent Order, when signed and accepted, may subject
 Respondent to further disciplinary action. Specifically, Respondent's failure to
 comply with this Consent Order may result in his immediate suspension from the
 practice of medicine.
- (6) The Respondent shall voluntary not practice medicine beginning on the date of the Board's acceptance of this Consent Agreement until 30 days thereafter. The Board hereby approves the following monitoring and reporting plan, which shall be in effect for a three (3) year probationary period.
 - a. Respondent may continue his private practice of internal medicine subject to the following requirements: (i) Respondent shall retain an independent company that will provide oversight of Respondent's chaperoning program for a period of three (3) years and such requirement may be modified upon request and approval of the Board; (ii) The independent chaperoning company shall keep all documentation of every chaperoned encounter and shall provide the Board

with a monthly summary of same. (iii) Chaperone shall provide Respondent with a copy of all records, reports, or other documentation that it generates.

Any subsequent change in Respondent's practice in Rhode Island or the scope of this Consent Order will be subject to the Board's prior written approval.

- b. Respondent shall not perform any physical examination of female patient without the documented and signed presence of an adult chaperone."
- 6. Respondent was required in paragraph 6 of the ratified July 10th, 2016 order to retain an independent company to provide oversight of his chaperone program.
- 7. The Board received notice from Affiliated Monitors that the Respondent had engaged them on December 23rd, 2016 to provide oversight of his chaperone program.
- 8. Respondent had resumed practice of medicine well before then after completing his 30 day Voluntary agreement as stipulated in paragraph 6, without engaging an independent monitoring company.

ORDER

After considering the findings of the Board, regarding Afshin Nasseri, MD, and the subsequent ratified Consent order, the license and controlled substance registration of Afshin Nasseri is hereby suspended until further Order of the Department of Health Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The Respondent is entitled to an administrative hearing on this suspension within a reasonable period of time from the issuance of this Order. Respondent is required to ensure appropriate continuity of care for his patients including ready access to medical records and appropriate referrals to qualified health professionals.

Nicola Mayonday Scott M.D. M.P.H.

Date Date

Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., M.P.H.

Director of Health

CERTIFICATION