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



IN THE MATTER OF: Fatimah Jah, MD License No.: MD 14630 Case No.: C200099

CONSENT ORDER

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") has reviewed and investigated the above-referenced complaint pertaining to Fatimah Jah, MD ("Respondent") through its Investigative Committee. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since June 2, 2014. Respondent graduated from Eastern Virginia Medical School in 1998. Respondent reports her specialty is Family Medicine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board was notified Respondent failed to properly document patient care that was provided during telemedicine visits with two patients.
- 2. Respondent submitted a written response to the Board and appeared via telephone before the Investigative Committee. Respondent stated that she worked three different telemedicine companies from April 2018 to September 2019. In her written response, Respondent stated that she has left her previous employers relevant to this complaint.
- 3. The Investigative Committee determined, based on information supplied that she is licensed in 8 other states.



- 4. Respondent was paid a flat fee for every <u>patient</u> encounter but was unable to produce medical records documenting her care sufficient to meet the Telemedicine Guidelines established by the Board.
- 5. The Investigative Committee reviewed the above-referenced complaint, response, and investigative materials, and concluded that Respondent did not keep appropriate medical records for the telemedicine patient encounters referenced above and, therefore, violated the Rhode Island Department of Health, Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline Guidelines Regarding Telemedicine the Rules.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval of the Board and 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;
- g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Board for consideration and review; and



- h. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") public website.
- 4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1300.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to "Rhode Island General Treasurer," and sent to Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908. Respondent will send notice of compliance with this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within 30 days of submitting the above-referenced payment.
- 5. Respondent hereby agrees to this reprimand on her physician license.
- 6. Respondent, at her own expense, will complete twenty-one hours of Continuing Medical Education related to the care of patients by Telemedicine and maintaining appropriate medical records documenting the history obtained, examination performed, assessment of the patient's condition and recommendations for care. This Continuing Medical Education requirement is in addition to the CME requirement for renewal of Respondent's medical license and must be completed within two (2) years from acceptance of this agreement. All CME programs and credits must be approved by the Board in advance in order to be in compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Additionally, Respondent shall submit proof of completion of her additional CME requirement directly to the Board at DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov.
- 7. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order after it is signed and accepted, the Director of RIDOH ("Director") shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of Respondent's medical license. If the Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request



within 20 days of the suspension and/or further discipline an administrative hearing. The Director 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 <u>22</u> day of <u>September</u>, 2021.

Fatimah Jah, MD

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