



IN THE MATTER OF: Neil Lewis Pitzer, MD License No.: MD 14435 Case No.: C200938

CONSENT ORDER

Neil Lewis Pitzer, MD ("Respondent") is licensed as a physician in Rhode Island. The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent has been a licensed physician in the State of Rhode Island since September 30, 2013.
- 2. Respondent graduated from Dartmouth Medical School in 1985.
- 3. The Board opened the instant complaint, C200938, pursuant to notification from the Federation of State Medical Boards ("FSMB") that Respondent had been disciplined by the Board of Healing Arts of the State of Kansas ("Kansas Board") for, among other things, failure to maintain a policy of professional liability insurance as required, failure to pay the premium surcharges, and failure to provide the Kansas Board timely written notice of any change of mailing or practice address. Effective September 12, 2018, the Kansas Board ordered Respondent "indefinitely suspended" until either Respondent changed his status from Active to Inactive or Exempt, or until such time he obtained and maintained a policy of professional liability insurance and provided proof of payment of premium surcharges. Respondent was also assessed a "civil fine in the amount of \$500.00."
- 4. On October 10, 2018, Respondent paid the fine and changed his Kansas license to inactive. Respondent's Kansas license is presently cancelled.
- 5. At least three states—Florida, Idaho, and Hawaii—have taken reciprocal disciplinary action based on the originating Kansas matter.
- 6. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee determined that Respondent's license had been suspended by the Kansas Board, in addition to other disciplinary action, that three additional states had taken disciplinary action against Respondent based on the Kansas matter, and that, therefore, Respondent had violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(21), which defines "unprofessional conduct" as including, "[s]urrender, revocation, suspension, limitation of privilege based on quality of care provided, or any other disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state or jurisdiction."

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;
- C. 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 five days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1,100.00 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, Attn: Lauren Lasso. 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 his physician license.
- 6. If Respondent violates any material 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 _______, 2020.

Neil Lewis Pitzer, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the May of Novelle, 2020.

Nicole Alexander-Scott, MD, MPH

Director

Rhode Island Department of Health

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