

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



IN THE MATTER OF:
Vishal Verma, MD
License No.: MD 15178
Case Nos.: C200795 and C200838

CONSENT ORDER

Vishal Verma, 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 21, 2015.
2. Respondent graduated from the University of Miami School of Medicine in 1998.
3. The Board opened the instant complaints, C200838 and C200795, pursuant to notification from the Federation of State Medical Boards (“FSMB”) that Respondent had been disciplined by the Maryland Board of Physicians (“Maryland Board”) and by additional jurisdictions based on the originating Maryland matter. The Maryland Board disciplined Respondent for, among other things, dispensing prescription drugs in Maryland with possessing a dispensing permit from the Maryland Board of Physicians and not having any real-time communication with patients who never had a prior in-person visit. In its Final Decision and Order, dated January 31, 2020, the Maryland Board ordered Respondent reprimanded and placed on probation for a minimum of six months. Among other things, the Maryland Board also

ordered Respondent to pay a civil fine of \$50,000.00. (3) California, (2) Colorado, (4) Illinois, (1) North Carolina

4. At least four states—North Carolina, Colorado, California, and Illinois—have taken reciprocal disciplinary action based on the originating Maryland matter.

5. Based on the foregoing, the Investigative Committee determined that the Maryland Board had taken disciplinary action against Respondent's license, that four additional states had taken disciplinary action against Respondent based on the Maryland matter, (it is noted that Respondent has been compliant with the Maryland order and the probation in Maryland has subsequently terminated and that,) therefore, Respondent 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;
 - 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.

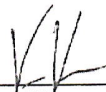
4. Respondent agrees to pay, within 5 days of the ratification of this Consent Order, an administrative fee of \$1,100.00 for costs associated with investigating the above-referenced complaint. Such payment shall be made by certified check, made payable to “**Rhode Island General Treasurer**,” and sent 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.PRCCompliance@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.



[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

Signed this 22nd day of September, 2020.



Vishal Verma, MD

Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the 14th day of October, 2020.

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