STATE OF RHODE ISLAND RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

NICOLE ALEXANDER-SCOTT, M.D., M.P.H., IN HER CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR OF THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN THE MATTER OF: WANG, XIAONA

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Now comes the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") and, pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 23-1-20, makes the following Findings and Order:

FINDINGS

- 1. Xiaona Wang ("Respondent") holds no active license to practice medicine in Rhode Island, nor does she hold an active license to practice any health care profession in Rhode Island.
- 2. On or about September 22, 2017, Victim S.K.C. presented herself to the Burrillville Police Department, claiming that Respondent had injected "Botox" and/or fat into her face and breasts with needles, over five sessions between May 2017 and September 2017. Victim contended that she gave Respondent a total of \$10,200 in cash for these injections, and that Respondent refused to provide her a receipt. S.K.C. alleges that her face became very warm and she broke out with an infection after the injections in her face. She claims that she requested that the Respondent return her money, and the Respondent declined.
- 3. On or about September 22, 2017, Respondent's husband gave law enforcement permission to search the home that he shared with Respondent. During the search, the husband showed law enforcement the following: medicine boxes kept in the refrigerator; two large machines that S.K.C. confirmed were used on her during her injection sessions; an assortment of needles, syringes, bottles of clear liquid, and masks, and other items described by S.K.C. as having been used on her face and breasts.
- 4. S.K.C. alleges that Respondent continues to maintain a presence on social media and that Respondent is advertising to be contacted on social media through a Chinese phone number, suggesting that Respondent is continuing to perform these injections.
- 5. On or about January 31, 2018, the Burrillville Police Department reported its findings with respect to Respondent to RIDOH for investigation and any appropriate action.
- 6. The conduct described in paragraphs 1-5 herein, specifically, Respondent's holding herself out as a physician, Respondent's unlicensed practice of medicine, and

Respondent's advertising for medical patients when she does not hold a physician license constitutes violations of the following provisions of R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-1 *et seq*.:

- 1) R. I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(2) (prohibiting "[a]ll advertising of medical business, which is intended or has a tendency to deceive the public"); and
- 2) R.I. Gen. Laws §. 5-37-12 (prohibiting "[a]ny person who is not lawfully authorized to practice medicine within this state...[from]...practic[ing] medicine or surgery").

ORDER

After consideration of the above findings, it is hereby ordered that Respondent must immediately comply with the following:

- 1. Respondent shall cease and desist from holding herself out as a licensed physician.
- 2. Respondent shall cease and desist from advertising for medical patients.
- 3. Respondent shall cease and desist from performing, or attempting to perform, any action defined as "the practice of medicine," as defined by 216-RICR-40-05-1.2A(19), including but not limited to the following:
 - a. Performing "surgery," as defined by 216-RICR-40-05-1.2A(22);
 - b. Procuring pharmaceutical products; and
 - c. Using pharmaceutical products in performing surgery or the practice of medicine.
- 4. Notwithstanding any further findings, actions, or sanctions by RIDOH, this Order shall remain in effect until further notice.

Entered this c

day of February, 2018

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A written request for a hearing may be filed with the Director of RIDOH within ten (10) days after service of this notice.