RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE

IN THE MATTER OF:

Troy Potthoff, M.D.

License No.: MD 16726

Complaint No.: C23-0613

CONSENT ORDER

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline ("Board") makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Troy Potthoff, M.D. ("Respondent") has been licensed to practice medicine in the

State of Rhode Island since May 17, 2019.

2. On May 26, 2023, Respondent and the Washington Medical Commission entered

a Stipulation of Informal Disposition that required Respondent to complete 8 hours of continuing

education in telehealth best practices and to subsequently submit a paper related to the course to

the Washington Medical Commission addressing ethical considerations of telehealth. The

Stipulation arose from telehealth services provided to three patients who were referred for

genetic testing. The patients were not examined by Respondent prior to the referral for genetic

testing.

3. On or about May 22, 2023, Respondent answered "No" to a question on his

Connecticut license renewal application which asked whether he has had any disciplinary action

taken or pending by any state licensing authority. Respondent was fined \$10,000 due to his

failure to identify the state of Washington investigation.

4. The Investigative Committee of the Board met with Respondent on May 29, 2024

and, in consideration of the actions taken against Respondent by the states of Washington and

Connecticut, found that Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 37-5-5.1(21) which states, in

pertinent part, that any "disciplinary action against a license or authorization to practice medicine in another state" constitutes unprofessional conduct.

Based upon the foregoing, the Parties agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board.
- 2. Respondent agrees to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval by the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification.
 - 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; and
 - g) 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 RI DOH public website.
- 4. Respondent is hereby issued a reprimand upon his Rhode Island license and shall pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.00. The administrative fees must be paid within six (6) months of the ratification of this Consent Order and shall be made payable to the Rhode Island General Treasurer, and delivered to the Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 205, Providence, RI 02908, Attn. Jessica DeSanto. Respondent will send notice of compliance of this condition to DOH.PRCompliance@health.ri.gov within thirty (30) days of submitting the above-referenced payment.

5. In the event that any term of this Consent Order is violated, after ratification and approval, the Board or its Director shall have the discretion to impose further disciplinary action pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3. If the Board or its Director imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice and shall have the right to request an administrative hearing within twenty (20) days of further discipline. The Board or its 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. Any administrative hearings, whether initiated by the Board or the Respondent, shall be conducted in accordance with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-5.1 through 5-37-6.3 or R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-37-8 and 42-35-14(c), the Rules and Regulations for the Licensure and Discipline of Physicians (216-RICR-40-05-1), the Rules and Regulations for Practices and Procedures Before the Rhode Island Department of Health (216-RICR-10-05-4), and applicable provisions of R.I. Gen. Laws Chapter 42-35-1 et seq.

As Assented to and Signed this	Zoth	day of	June	2024.
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Troy Potthoff, M.D.				
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Ratified by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline on the day of

Staci A. Fischer, MD

Chief Administrative Officer

Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline