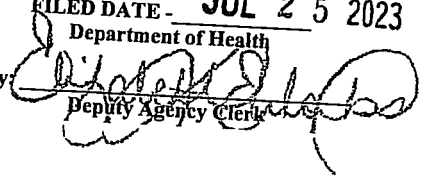


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STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2022-33076
LICENSE NO.: ME0083301

SYED ABBAS, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, on June 2, 2023, in Tampa, Florida, for the purpose of considering a Settlement Agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A) entered into between the parties in this cause. Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement, the documents submitted in support thereof, the arguments of the parties, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Settlement Agreement as submitted be and is hereby approved and adopted in toto and incorporated herein by reference with the following clarification:

The costs set forth in Paragraph 2 of the Stipulated Disposition shall be set at \$609.05.

Accordingly, the parties shall adhere to and abide by all the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement as clarified above.

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of July, 2023.

BOARD OF MEDICINE

Paul A. Vazquez

Paul A. Vazquez, J.D., Executive Director
For Scot Ackerman, M.D., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to: Syed Abbas, M.D., 2500 Discovery Dr., Orlando, FL 32826 and Gregory A. Chaires, Esq., Chaires, Brooderson & Guerrero, 283 Cranes Roost Blvd., Ste. 165, Altamonte Springs, FL 32701; by email to: Andrew Pietrylo, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Health, at Andrew.Pietrylo@flhealth.gov; and Christopher R. Dierlam, Senior Assistant Attorney General, at Christopher.Dierlam@myfloridalegal.com this 25 day of July, 2023.

Elizabeth Eubanks
Deputy Agency Clerk

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Petitioner, Department of Health ("Department"), and Respondent, Syed Abbas, MD, pursuant to section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, offer this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") and agree to the entry of a Final Order of the Board of Medicine ("Board") incorporating this Agreement as disposition of this matter, in lieu of any other administrative proceedings.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material hereto, Respondent was a licensed physician in the State of Florida having been issued license number ME 83301.
2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was filed and properly served upon Respondent alleging violations of chapter 456 and/or 458, Florida Statutes, and the rules adopted pursuant thereto. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
3. For purposes of these proceedings, Respondent neither admits nor denies the allegations of fact contained in the Administrative Complaint.

STIPULATED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that, in their capacity as a licensed physician, they are subject to the provisions of chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.
2. Respondent admits that the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint, if proven, would constitute violations of chapter 456 and/or 458, Florida Statutes.
3. Respondent agrees that the Stipulated Disposition in this case is fair, appropriate and acceptable to Respondent.

STIPULATED DISPOSITION

1. **Letter of Concern** – The Board shall issue a Letter of Concern against Respondent’s license.
2. **Reimbursement of Costs** – Pursuant to section 456.072, Florida Statutes, Respondent agrees to pay the Department for the Department’s costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case (“Department costs”). Such costs exclude the costs of obtaining supervision or monitoring of the practice, the cost of quality assurance reviews, any other costs Respondent incurs to comply with the Final Order, and the Board’s administrative costs directly associated with Respondent’s probation, if any. Respondent agrees that the amount of Department costs to be paid in this case **shall not exceed \$2,311.97**. Respondent shall pay such Department costs to:

Payments – DOH Compliance Management Unit
Bin C-76
P.O. Box 6320
Tallahassee, FL 32314-6320

All costs shall be paid by cashier's check or money order. Payments must be made within thirty (30) days of the date of filing of the Final Order accepting this Agreement. Any change in the terms of payment of any fine imposed by the Board **must be approved in advance by the Probation Committee of the Board.**

3. **Laws, Rules, and Ethics Course** – Respondent shall document completion of five (5) hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) in laws, rules, and ethics within one (1) year from the date the Final Order is filed.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

1. **Appearance** – Respondent is required to appear before the Board at the meeting of the Board where this Agreement is considered.

2. **No Force or Effect until Final Order** – It is expressly understood that this Agreement is subject to the approval of the Board and the Department. In this regard, the foregoing paragraphs (and only the foregoing paragraphs) shall have no force and effect unless the Board enters a Final Order incorporating the terms of this Agreement.

3. **Continuing Medical Education** – Unless otherwise provided in this Agreement Respondent shall first submit a written request to the Probation Committee for approval prior to performance of said CME course(s). Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board's Probation Committee of having completed a CME course in the form of certified copies of the receipts, vouchers, certificates, or other papers, such as physician's recognition awards, documenting completion of this medical course within one (1) year of the filing of the Final Order in this matter. All such documentation shall be sent to the Board's Probation Committee, regardless of whether some or any of such



documentation was provided previously during the course of any audit or discussion with counsel for the Department. CME hours required by this Agreement shall be in addition to those hours required for renewal of licensure. Unless otherwise approved by the Board's Probation Committee, such CME course(s) shall consist of a formal, live lecture format.

4. **Addresses** – Respondent must provide current residence and practice addresses to the Board. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within fifteen (15) days of any changes of said addresses

5. **Future Conduct** – In the future, Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456, 458 or 893, Florida Statutes, or the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, or any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice medicine to include, but not limited to, all statutory requirements related to practitioner profile and licensure renewal updates. Prior to presentation of this Agreement to the Board, Respondent shall read Chapters 456, 458 and 893 and the Rules of the Board of Medicine, at Chapter 64B8, Florida Administrative Code.

6. **Violation of Terms** – It is expressly understood that a violation of the terms of this Agreement shall be considered a violation of a Final Order of the Board, for which disciplinary action may be initiated pursuant to Chapters 456 and 458, Florida Statutes.

7. **Purpose of Agreement** – Respondent, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, executes this Agreement. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials

concerning Respondent prior to or in conjunction with consideration of the Agreement. Respondent agrees to support this Agreement at the time it is presented to the Board and shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law. Furthermore, should this Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings.

8. **No Preclusion of Additional Proceedings** – Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Agreement and subsequent Final Order will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board and/or the Department against Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached as Exhibit A.

9. **Waiver of Attorney's Fees And Costs** – Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, the parties hereby agree that with the exception of Department costs noted above, the parties will bear their own attorney's fees and costs resulting from prosecution or defense of this matter. Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department and the Board in connection with this matter.

10. **Waiver of Further Procedural Steps** – Upon the Board's adoption of this Agreement, Respondent expressly waives all further procedural steps and expressly waives all rights to seek judicial review of or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of the Agreement and the Final Order of the Board incorporating said Agreement

SIGNED this 3/21 day of March, 2023.

Syed Abbas
Syed Abbas, M.D.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Orange

BEFORE ME personally appeared Syed Abbas, whose identity is known to me or who produced _____ (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that their signature appears above.

SWORN TO and subscribed before me this 21st day of March, 2023.

Zac Love
NOTARY PUBLIC

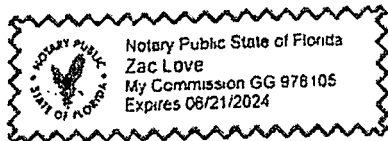
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APPROVED this 21st day of March, 2023.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

Corynn Alberto

By: Corynn Alberto
Assistant General Counsel
Department of Health



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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner Department of Health ("Department") files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine ("Board") against Respondent Syed Abbas, M.D., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a physician under Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, having been issued license number ME 83301.

3. Respondent's address of record was 2500 Discovery Dr., Orlando, FL, 32826.

4. Pursuant to section 766.314, Florida Statutes, all physicians licensed under Chapter 458 are required to pay an annual assessment to the Florida Birth-Related Neurological Injury Compensation Association ("NICA").

5. Respondent has an annual obligation to pay assessments in the amount of \$250.00, due on or about January 1.

6. Respondent failed to pay the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, NICA annual assessments.

7. On or about July 29, 2022, a Default Final Judgment was entered against Respondent and in favor of NICA in Leon County in case number 21 SC 2154.

8. The Default Final Judgement entered against Respondent was based on Respondent's failure to pay the 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, NICA annual assessments.

9. Section 458.331(1)(g), Florida Statutes (2017-2021), authorizes the Board to impose discipline for failing to perform any statutory or legal obligation placed upon a licensed physician.

10. As set forth above, Respondent failed to pay the requisite 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021, NICA annual assessments under section 766.314, Florida Statutes.

11. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated section 458.331(1)(g), Florida Statutes (2017-2021).

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

[Signature on following page]

SIGNED this 15 day of December, 2022.

Joseph A. Ladapo, MD, PhD
State Surgeon General

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Michael Wasyluk, M.D.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested. A request or petition for an administrative hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Department within 21 days from the day Respondent received the Administrative Complaint, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), Florida Administrative Code. If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this Administrative Complaint, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged in this Administrative Complaint pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the material facts or charges contained in the Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition any other discipline imposed.