

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

DOH Case No. 2023-07102

PETER SANCHEZ, M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Petitioner, Department of Health, hereby files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Respondent Peter Sanchez, M.D., and 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 licensed physician within the state of Florida, having been issued license number ME 55385.

3. Respondent's address of record is 14060 Biscayne Blvd. Apt. 317, North Miami Beach, Florida 33181.

4. On or about June 17, 2021, the Board of Medicine filed its Final Order in Department of Health v. Peter Sanchez, M.D., DOH Case Number 2012-09032.

5. Among other terms, the Final Order required that Respondent do the following within one (1) year from the date of the filing of the Final Order:

- a. pay an administrative fine ("the fine") of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000);
- b. pay the Department's costs ("the costs") in the amount of twelve thousand, eight hundred and six dollars and twenty-four cents (\$12,806.24); and
- c. document completion of Continuing Medical Education ("CME") in "Risk Management."

6. Respondent did not pay the fine or the costs and did not submit documentation of completion of the CME in Risk Management within one year from the date the Final Order was filed.

7. Section 458.331(1)(x), Florida Statutes (2021), provides that violating a lawful order of the Board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing constitutes grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.

8. Respondent violated a lawful order of the Board entered in a disciplinary hearing by failing to pay the fine and costs within one year from the date the Final Order was filed and by failing to submit documentation of completion of a Risk Management CME within one year from the date the Final Order was filed.

9. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated section 458.331(1)(x), Florida Statutes (2021), by violating a lawful order of the Board previously entered in a disciplinary hearing.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Medicine 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 the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 31st day of July 2023.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
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CLERK: Elizabeth Eubanks

DATE: August 01, 2023

PCP Date: July 28, 2023

PCP Members: Georges El-Bahri, M.D.; Scot Ackerman, M.D.; Nicholas Romanello

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 to any other discipline imposed.