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> STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF Allen H. Collins, M.D. License No. MA23885 TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FILED

January 15, 2015

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD

OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

CONSENT ORDER

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information that on or about November 6, 2013, the State of New York Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("New York Board") entered a "Consent Order" at which time Respondent, Allen H. Collins, M.D., agreed to a thirty-six month probationary period and continuous compliance with his medical education credits as specified in the Consent Order, together with other terms and conditions.

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The Consent Order provided that Respondent cannot successfully defend against at least one of the allegations against him, which

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sets forth that Respondent treated Patient A during a period between December 2000 and December 2005, wherein Respondent made inappropriate social referrals between Patient A and other patients, and failed to maintain a medical record for Patient A that accurately reflected his care and treatment of her, thereby committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) and N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(32).

As a result of the foregoing, the Board has determined that Respondent's acts giving rise to the above New York disciplinary action provides a basis to take disciplinary action against Respondent's New Jersey license to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

IT NOW APPEARING that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings; and that the Respondent hereby waives any right to a hearing in this matter; and the Board finding the within Order adequately protects the public's health, safety and welfare; and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS <u>15th</u> day of <u>Jan</u>, 2015 ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

 Respondent shall be, and hereby is, reprimanded for his actions as indicated above;

2. Respondent license to practice medicine and surgery shall be, and hereby is, placed on probation for thirty-six (36) months, commencing and consistent with the initiation of the probationary period as set forth in the New York Consent Order, but which probationary period shall not terminate until respondent demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that his probationary period in New York has successfully terminated; and

3. Respondent agrees that if the board, upon receipt of reliable information and in its sole discretion, determines during the probationary period that the Respondent has failed to comply with any provision of this Consent Order or the New York Consent Order, or is in violation of any of the Board's statutes and/or regulations, then Respondent's New Jersey license to practice medicine and surgery shall be automatically and immediately suspended. Within ten (10) days of notification of the suspension, Respondent may seek a hearing before a Committee of the Board limited to the sole issue of the basis for the automatic suspension.

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By:

Stewart A. Berkowitz, M.D. Board President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I further hereby consent to the entry of this Consent Order.

Allen H. Collins, M.D.

NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license(and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u>45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.