



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

RITA KRICHEVSKY, M.D.
LICENSE NO. 25MA09966100

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

On February 13, 2018, we considered the Attorney General's application for entry of an Order temporarily the license of Rita Krichevsky, M.D. ("Respondent") to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey. Although Respondent was initially present at the Board meeting, she chose to leave before the hearing commenced, and we then considered this matter in her absence. Upon review of evidence submitted by the Attorney General, we unanimously concluded that Respondent's demonstrated erratic behavior and compromised mental health status renders her incapable of discharging the functions of a medical professional in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare. As her continued practice poses a clear and imminent danger to the public we ordered the temporary suspension of her license.

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter was opened to the Board by way of an Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing and Notice to File an Answer, filed with the Board by Gurbir Grewal, Attorney General of New Jersey, Deputy Attorney General Cristina Ramundo appearing, on January 30, 2019. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 the Attorney General sought temporary suspension of the license of Respondent to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey, as well as other restraints deemed necessary by the Board, pending a plenary hearing on the matter.

The Order to Show Cause was supported and accompanied by a Verified Complaint, a supporting brief and exhibits. The one count Verified Complaint alleges, among other things, that Respondent's health condition causes her to be incapable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health safety and welfare thereby providing grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i). The Complaint further alleges Respondent's present inability to discharge the functions of a licensee poses a clear and imminent danger to the public and constitutes grounds for the immediate temporary suspension of her license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22.

Respondent did not submit an Answer or other written response to the Order to Show Cause or Verified Complaint. She did not

telephone, contact or appear at the Board office seeking an adjournment, or otherwise respond to the Order to Show Cause.

A hearing was held before the Board on February 13, 2019. Deputy Attorney General Cristina Ramundo appeared on behalf of the complainant Attorney General. After waiting an hour and a half beyond the scheduled time for the hearing the Attorney General moved to proceed with the hearing to temporarily suspend Respondent's license as adequate efforts at service had been made and Respondent had not responded to the Order to Show Cause and Verified Complaint.

DAG Ramundo argued and provided certifications¹ demonstrating that Respondent was personally served with a letter advising of the time and location that a hearing would occur on February 13, 2019 in the event that settlement was not achieved (P-4 and P-5 in evidence). Certifications were also accepted into evidence showing that the Order to Show Cause and all accompanying documents were sent via certified mail to Respondent's address of record - an address at which Respondent had previously successfully received mail and which Respondent had identified as her address as recently as January 16, 2019 (P-9 and P-10 in evidence). The certified mail has been "available for pickup" since February 2, 2019 (P-10 in evidence). DAG Ramundo represented that she e-mailed the documents to Respondent and left a detailed voice mail message at a telephone number previously provided by Respondent and at which the outgoing message

¹ Exhibits P-1 through P-10 were offered and accepted into evidence during the default proceedings. They are discussed at length in the "Summary of Evidence Presented" section of this Order.

identifies the number as Respondent's medical practice. (P-10 in evidence). Finally, the DAG noted that the Respondent was physically present at the Board meeting on February 13, 2019 and chose to leave prior to the commencement of the hearing in this matter despite being told numerous times by DAG Ramundo that the hearing was scheduled to be heard and it was in Respondent's best interest to be present for the hearing.

Upon motion and unanimous vote, the Board determined that the Attorney General had demonstrated efforts at service sufficient to place Respondent on notice, granted the motion for default and moved forward with the hearing in Respondent's absence.

MOTION TO SEAL

Initially, DAG Ramundo moved to seal the State's brief and P-1 and P-2 in evidence. She argued that sealing was necessary to protect sensitive medical information and to protect Respondent's right to privacy. While the motion was not opposed, we nonetheless sought to balance the policy of transparency as reflected in the Open Public Meetings Act, Open Public Records Act and other statutes and rules, against our general "responsibility and [an] obligation to safeguard from public access a citizen's personal information with which it has been entrusted when disclosure thereof would violate the citizen's reasonable expectation of privacy." N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1; see also, Burnette v. County of Bergen, 198 N.J. 408 (2009).

In considering whether to seal a record, we turn to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules which provide that:

... the judge shall consider the requirements of due process of law, other constitutional and statutory standards and matters of public policy. The judge shall consider the need to protect against unwarranted disclosure of sensitive financial information or trade secrets, to protect parties or witnesses from undue embarrassment or deprivations of privacy, or to promote or protect other equally important rights or interests.

N.J.A.C. 1:1-14.1(b).

P-1 is a medical treatment report provided to the Board from one of Respondent's treating physicians which discloses sensitive medical information. The Attorney General's brief in support of the application for temporary suspension recounts much of the information contained in P-1. We find that Respondent has a reasonable expectation of privacy regarding this information and that its release in its entirety may cause unnecessary embarrassment. We find that redacting that part of P-1 which describes Respondent's behavior and medical condition in detail adequately addresses our responsibilities both to safeguard Respondent's privacy and to engage in a transparent process to ensure the public health, safety and welfare. Therefore, we grant the motion to seal as to paragraphs 3-6 of P-1 and that portion of the Attorney General's brief in support of the Order to Show Cause which recounts information contained in those paragraphs. That information shall be redacted prior to release to any person or entity not a party to this case.

It is unclear whether P-2, a Pennsylvania court order, is considered to be confidential by the State of Pennsylvania. P-2 will

be temporarily sealed to allow DAG Ramundo additional time to review and provide written supplementation addressing the question whether there is a basis to maintain the Court Order under seal . We will reconsider whether to continue to seal P-2 at the March 13, 2019 meeting.

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED

After deciding the motion to seal, we then proceeded to conduct a default hearing on the Attorney General's application for temporary suspension. During oral argument and in a brief submitted to the Board, the Attorney General argued that Respondent's current mental health condition renders her incapable of discharging the functions of a medical professional and constitutes a clear and imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare warranting the immediate temporary suspension of her license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

The Attorney General supported the application for the temporary suspension of Respondent's license with verbal representations at hearing and certifications filed both with the Verified Complaint² and at the hearing in which DAG Ramundo describes her multiple attempts to contact Respondent, convince her to enroll in the Professional Assistance Program, explain the consequences of Respondent's failure to do so and finally, by letter on January 16,

² The Certification of Cristina Ramundo, DAG, dated January 29, 2019 was filed with the Board on January 30, 2019 in support of the Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause and was considered by the Board as part of the record in this matter.

2019, warn Respondent that, unless she were to settle the matter, the Attorney General would file a complaint seeking the temporary suspension of Respondent's license "which would be heard by the Board on February 13, 2019". The following documents were introduced into evidence:

P-1³, Certification and letter of Tana Andre, D.O., Montgomery County Emergency Services (MCES), dated January 25, 2019, expressing concern about the ability of Respondent to perform her duties as a licensed psychiatrist in the State of New Jersey given "severe mental impairment... lack of insight, paranoia and impulsivity related to seeking inappropriate medical treatment at several hospitals, inability to appropriately interpret mental health laws, and overall mistrust of medical professionals and law enforcement..."

P-2, Order entered by the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania dated November 16, 2018.

P-3, Letter dated November 28, 2018 from DAG Ramundo to Respondent with proposed settlement position and copy of certified mail receipt signed by Respondent showing receipt of the letter.

P-4, Letter dated January 2, 2019 from DAG Ramundo to Respondent warning that failure to resolve the matter would result in a petition to temporarily suspend her license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey and enclosing the proposed settlement position. A copy

³ Exhibits P-1 through P-5 correspond with Exhibits A through E attached to DAG Ramundo's Certification submitted in support of the Verified Complaint.

of the certified mail receipt signed by Respondent showing receipt of the letter is included with this exhibit.

P-5, Letter dated January 16, 2019 from DAG Ramundo to Respondent recounting previous attempts to settle and advising that if the matter is not resolved the Attorney General will petition the Board to suspend Respondent's license and the hearing will be heard "by the Board on February 13, 2019 at 9am at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market St., 4th Floor, Trenton NJ 08611. The petition will be based on your recent hospitalization at Montgomery County Emergency Services, Inc. ("MCES") and your incapacity to practice medicine under N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(i)." The letter indicates that it was hand delivered to Respondent at 124 Halsey Street, Newark NJ 07101.

P-6, Letter dated January 30, 2019 from DAG Ramundo to Respondent indicating that a Verified Complaint had been filed and that a hearing was scheduled for "February 13, 2019 at 9:30a.m. at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex, 25 Market St, 4th Floor, Trenton, NJ 08611." The letter indicates that the following documents were enclosed: Order to Show Cause, Notice of Hearing and Notice to File an Answer, Verified Complaint, Letter Brief, Certification of Cristina E. Ramundo, DAG, Exhibits A-E, Notice of Motion to Seal, and Letter Brief in Support of Motion to Seal.

P-7, E-mail dated January 31, 2019 from DAG Ramundo to Respondent indicating that the hearing was scheduled for February 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex and,

again, attaching all documents enclosed with DAG Ramundo's January 30, 2019 correspondence.

P-8, Certification of Colleen Callahan-Feldman, dated February 11, 2019, recounting Respondent's unannounced visit to the Board of Medical Examiners on January 14, 2019 at which time Respondent questioned the authenticity of letters sent by DAG Ramundo to her address of record.

P-9, Certification of Kate Calendar, DAG, dated February 11, 2019, recounting two instances where she witnessed communications between DAG Ramundo and Respondent. During a telephone call on January 14, 2019, Respondent indicated that she was not comfortable communicating via speaker phone and asked for an explanation regarding the Board's request for a suspension of her license. Respondent requested a copy of the letter from the MCES (P-1 in evidence) but requested that it not be mailed or emailed to her as she had been the victim of mail tampering and her e-mail had been hacked on several occasions. Respondent agreed that a courier could meet her somewhere in the Trenton area, but would not provide an address. Respondent indicated that DAG Ramundo should call her with the details of time and date for delivery - Respondent stated that she would not answer the phone but would call the DAG back. On January 16, 2019 DAG Calendar accompanied DAG Ramundo when she met with Respondent at the Attorney General's office at 124 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ. At that time, she witnessed DAG Ramundo's hand delivery of a package to respondent including a letter (P-5 in

evidence), the proposed consent order, a copy of the November 15, 2018 letter from MCES and a postage paid envelope addressed to DAG Ramundo. Respondent refused to sign an acknowledgment of receipt for this package. DAG Calendar recounts that Respondent declined to provide a physical address and indicated her address was the P.O. Box where the prior letters had been sent.

P-10, Certification of Cristina Ramundo, DAG, dated February 12, 2019, describing the efforts she made to contact Respondent and notice her of the filing of the Order to Show Cause and Verified Complaint, including sending hard copies of all materials to Respondent's address of record (a P.O. Box where DAG Ramundo had previously successfully sent correspondence), calling a telephone number previously provided by Respondent and leaving a detailed message⁴, and sending an e-mail to Respondent at the email address provided in her 2016 application for licensure with the Board.

DAG Ramundo in her brief and in closing, after submitting the evidence above, argued that the evidence presented palpably demonstrates that Respondent is presently suffering from an untreated mental health condition that is preventing her from safely practicing medicine and urged the Board to temporarily suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine in New Jersey.

⁴ On January 31, 2019, DAG Ramundo received an error message indicating that the number had been temporarily disconnected. On February 8, 2019 DAG Ramundo was able to leave a message. Respondent's outgoing message states "you have reached the office of Rita Krichevsky..."

DISCUSSION

The Board concludes that, at this stage of the proceeding, the evidence presented by the Attorney General in support of the application for temporary suspension of Respondent's license is compelling. The certification of Respondent's treating psychiatrist at MCES (P-1 in evidence), recounts Respondent's behavior leading up to and following a period of involuntary commitment at MCES. This behavior caused multiple health care professionals to question Respondent's ability to care for herself and others, and led Dr. Andre to question Respondent's ability to safely practice medicine based upon her exhibited "severe mental impairment... lack of insight, paranoia and impulsivity..." Standing alone, this certification palpably demonstrates a clear and imminent danger to the public were Respondent to continue to practice pending adjudication of the charges.

Respondent's inconsistent, erratic and often paranoid behavior as exhibited in the certifications of DAG Ramundo, DAG Calendar, and Board staff further buttresses this conclusion. This behavior includes Respondent's refusing to identify a street address where she could be contacted or given documents, questioning the authenticity of correspondence from the Attorney General, indicating that mail should not be sent to her because she has been the victim of mail tampering and that her e-mail had been hacked on several occasions, and showing up unannounced at both the Board office and the Office of the Attorney General. We also note that Respondent's initial

appearance on the day of the hearing in this matter, followed by her failure to remain for the hearing is bizarre and is further indication of compromised mental health.

The Board finds that the evidence presented palpably demonstrates that Respondent's erratic behavior and diminished mental health status, as described in P-1, renders her incapable of discharging the functions of a medical professional in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that her continued practice poses a clear and imminent danger to the public. Respondent has provided no indication that she is currently undergoing treatment or that she would be willing to do so. Therefore, no remedial measure less than the full temporary suspension of license will suffice to protect the public interest.

ACCORDINGLY, it is on this 26th day of February, 2019

ORDERED, as announced orally on the record and effective

February 13, 2019:

1. Respondent's license is temporarily suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-22 pending final adjudication of the allegations in the Verified Complaint and further Order of the Board.
2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist engaging in the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.
3. Respondent shall immediately advise the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA") and the New Jersey Office of Drug Control of this Order, specifically, the temporary suspension of her license to

practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey and provide the Board with proof of said notification within five days of same.

4. Respondent shall comply with the "Directives Applicable to Any Medical Board Licensee Who is Disciplined or Whose Surrender of Licensure or Cessation of Practice Has Been Ordered or Agreed Upon" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

5. The Board shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Order. Upon receipt of any reliable information indicating that Respondent has violated any terms of this Order, the Board reserves the right to bring further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS



By: _____

Paul Carniol, M.D.
President

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE
OR CESSATION OF PRACTICE HAS BEEN ORDERED OR AGREED UPON**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON AUGUST 12, 2015

All licensees who are the subject of a disciplinary order or surrender or cessation order (herein after, "Order") of the Board shall provide the information required on the addendum to these directives. Failure to provide the information required may result in further disciplinary action for failing to cooperate with the Board, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1 et seq: Paragraphs 1 through 4 below shall apply when a licensee is suspended, revoked, has surrendered his or her license, or entered into an agreement to cease practice, with or without prejudice, whether on an interim or final basis. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains probationary terms or monitoring requirement.

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly forward to the Board office at Post Office Box 183, 140 East Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183, the original license, current biennial registration and, if applicable, the original CDS registration. In addition, if the licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration, he or she shall promptly advise the DEA of the licensure action. (With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board. Prior to the resumption of any prescribing of controlled dangerous substances, the licensee shall petition the Director of Consumer Affairs for a return of the CDS registration if the basis for discipline involved CDS misconduct. In addition, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee should contact the DEA to advise of the resumption of practice and to ascertain the impact of that change upon his/her DEA registration.)

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. (Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension, surrender or cessation, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The licensee subject to the order

is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care services. The licensee subject to the order may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for rent at fair market value for office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the licensee subject to the order authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care provider. In situations where the licensee has been subject to the order for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is (suspended), subject to the order for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended or subject to a surrender or cessation order for one (1) year or more must immediately take steps to remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted. Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) must be filed. If no other licensee is providing services at the location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer, if possible, destroyed or safeguarded. (In situations where a license has been suspended for less than one year, prescription pads and medications need not be destroyed but must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.)

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

A licensee subject to the order shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice.¹ The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board order.

¹This bar on the receipt of any fee for professional services is not applicable to cease and desist orders where there are no findings that would be a basis for Board action, such as those entered adjourning a hearing.

A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended or who is ordered to cease practice for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A disqualified licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall also divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture of the licensee's interest in the limited liability company or professional service corporation shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Division of Revenue and Enterprise Services demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation or sole member of the limited liability company, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification unless it is lawfully transferred to another licensee and documentation of the valuation process and consideration paid is also provided to the Board.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that (during the three (3) month period) immediately following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. If the licensee has a website, a notice shall be posted on the website as well.

At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any order imposing a probation or monitoring requirement or a stay of an active suspension, in whole or in part, which is conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring requirement, the licensee shall fully cooperate with the Board and its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of the professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with the Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual/facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by a rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and providing the designated sample.

6. Payment of Civil and Criminal Penalties and Costs.

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any order imposing a civil penalty and/or costs, the licensee shall satisfy the payment obligations within the time period ordered by the Board or be subject to collection efforts or the filing of a certificate of debt. The Board shall not consider any application for reinstatement nor shall any appearance before a committee of the Board seeking reinstatement be scheduled until such time as the Board ordered payments are satisfied in full. (The Board at its discretion may grant installment payments for not more than a 24 months period.)

As to the satisfaction of criminal penalties and civil forfeitures, the Board will consider a reinstatement application so long as the licensee is current in his or her payment plans.

**NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ORDERS/ACTIONS**

All Orders filed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are "government records" as defined under the Open Public Records Act and are available for public inspection, copying or examination. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3). Should any inquiry be made to the Board concerning the status of a licensee who has been the subject of a Board Order, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the Order and a copy will be provided on request. Unless sealed or otherwise confidential, all documents filed in public actions taken against licensees, to include documents filed or introduced into evidence in evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications conducted as public hearings, and the transcripts of any such proceedings, are "government records" available for public inspection, copying or examination.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, a description of any final board disciplinary action taken within the most recent ten years is included on the New Jersey Health Care Profile maintained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for all licensed physicians. Links to copies of Orders described thereon are also available on the Profile website. See <http://www.njdoctorlist.com>.

Copies of disciplinary Orders entered by the Board are additionally posted and available for inspection or download on the Board of Medical Examiners' website. See <http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme>.

Pursuant to federal law, the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (the "NPDB") certain adverse licensure actions taken against licensees related to professional competence or conduct, generally including the revocation or suspension of a license; reprimand; censure; and/or probation. Additionally, any negative action or finding by the Board that, under New Jersey law, is publicly available information is reportable to the NPDB, to include, without limitation, limitations on scope of practice and final adverse actions that occur in conjunction with settlements in which no finding of liability has been made. Additional information regarding the specific actions which the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank can be found in the NPDB Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2015. See <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbguidebook.pdf>.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A.45:9-19.13, in any case in which the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, the Board is required 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 entered by the Board is provided to the Federation on a monthly basis.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue press releases including information regarding public actions taken by the Board.

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