

**THIS IS A  
NON DISCIPLINARY  
ORDER**

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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 : Administrative Action  
:  
**CLIFTON HOWELL, M.D.** : **INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**  
**LICENSE NO. 25MA0469300** :  
:  
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY:  
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on or about December 3, 2009, by Verified Administrative Complaint of Anne Milgram, Attorney General of New Jersey, by Kay R. Ehrenkrantz, Deputy Attorney General, together with the Brief of the Attorney General and supporting certifications and documents, seeking the temporary suspension of the license of Respondent, Clifton Howell, M.D. to practice medicine and surgery and for such other relief deemed appropriate, pursuant to the authority conferred on the Board by N.J.S.A. 45:9-1, et seq. and N.J.S.A. 45:1-14, et seq. and related administrative regulations. On that same date an Order to Show Cause was filed requiring Respondent to answer the charges no later than December 8, 2009 and scheduling a hearing date of December 9, 2009 for the

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Attorney General's application for temporary suspension.

Respondent filed an Answer denying the allegations in the Complaint. Subsequently, the hearing was adjourned twice predicated on Respondent's voluntary surrender of his license to practice.

The parties being desirous of an interim resolution without the need for a hearing, have agreed to the following terms, which the Board finds sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and the Attorney General having consented hereto,

It is on this 24th day of February 2010

ORDERED:

1. Respondent Clifton Howell, M.D., hereby agrees to voluntarily cease and desist from the practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey pending successful fulfillment of the following numbered terms.

2. Respondent shall acquire an evaluation and assessment of his skills and ability to practice medicine from a Board-approved program such as that offered by CPEP or Case Western Reserve. The program will receive and consider all papers filed by the Attorney General and Respondent as part of the Order to Show Cause. He shall complete each skill assessment required and comply with and successfully complete all recommendations by the program.

3. Respondent shall successfully complete a Board-approved ethics and record-keeping course.

4. When all of the above have been successfully completed, proof of such and any reports developed shall be provided and reviewed by a Preliminary Evaluation Committee. Once satisfied that Respondent has executed the required steps above, the Board will approve Respondent's return to the practice of medicine, with the following limitations:

a. Respondent shall not have CDS prescribing privileges and he shall submit forthwith his CDS and DEA registration to the Executive Director of the Board.

b. Respondent shall hire a Board-approved monitor, licensed in New Jersey, who has prescribing privileges.

c. Respondent shall provide to the monitor on a weekly basis a complete log of all patients seen and for whom prescriptions were ordered, either by phone, electronic means or in person.

d. Respondent shall provide all NCR prescription slips or a log of all prescriptions written to the monitor.

e. As part of the review, the monitor shall have unlimited access to Respondent's records.

f. The monitor shall provide monthly reports to the Board Executive Director .

5. Respondent shall bear all costs necessitated by this agreement.

6. The terms of this Consent Order shall remain in place until resolution of the matter by plenary hearing or

further Order of the Board.

7. Respondent enters into this agreement without admissions and the parties stipulate this to be a non-disciplinary interim resolution.

8. Any practice of medicine by Respondent during this period of voluntary surrender shall be subject to prosecution as the unlicensed practice of medicine.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:



Paul Mendelowitz, M.D.  
President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.



Clifton Howell, M.D.

Consented to as to form.



Daniel G. Giaquinto, Esq.