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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
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IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF AMBRA LOUVIER, M.D. LICENSE NO. 25MA06094900 TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") by John J. Hoffman, Acting Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, upon the arrest of Ambra Louvier, M.D. ("Respondent") on July 12, 2014, after a caller reported an erratic driver traveling west bound on Route 46. The incident report stated that when the officer arrived at the scene Respondent was found to have parked her vehicle and was wandering around aimlessly. The officer noted that her speech was slurred and eyes were glassy. She also had pill bottles in her purse for

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Lorazapam, Vyvanse, Butal-Acet-Caff, and Ketorolac Tromethamine that were not prescribed in her name. After a series of questions and a field sobriety test, the officer placed Respondent under arrest for driving while intoxicated. A Drug Recognition Expert ("DRE") was also called to the scene and performed an evaluation. The DRE found her to be under the influence of CNS depressant, CNS stimulant and a Narcotic Analgesic. She was unable to operate a motor vehicle safely. She was charged with being under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10B; possession of a prescription drug in 5 or more doses that was not obtained under a valid prescription in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.5E(1); driving while intoxicated in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39:4-50; Controlled Dangerous Substances in a motor vehicle in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39:4-49.1; and driving while intoxicated in a school zone in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:39:4-50.

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter, which alleges a palpable demonstration of an imminent danger to the public, without the necessity of further proceedings, and the Board finding that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; and it appearing that good cause exists for the entry of the within Order;

IT IS, therefore, on this 2 day of October, 2014,

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent, Ambra Louvier, M.D., is hereby granted leave to surrender her license, which surrender is deemed to be a temporary suspension of her license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey pending demonstration of fitness and further order of the Board.

2. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Consent Order shall not be deemed an admission by Respondent of any of the criminal charges referenced herein and shall not constitute a waiver of any defenses she may assert with reference to the criminal charges.

3. With the consent of the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, and pursuant to his authority under N.J.S.A. 24:21-9 et. seq., Respondent's New Jersey CDS registration, No. D06661400 is hereby surrendered pending further order of the Director. This CDS prescribing restriction is independent of any action taken by the State Board of Medical Examiners, Drug Enforcement Administration or any other licensing authority. If Respondent's medical license is reinstated by the Board, she may apply for an order from the Director seeking a restoration of CDS privileges. The Director will consider the

factors enumerated in N.J.S.A. 24:21-11 and determine, in his sole discretion, if, and under what circumstances, Respondent's New Jersey CDS Registration should be returned.

4. At a minimum, prior to any restoration of license, Respondent shall:

a) Participate in the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAP") and comply with the requirements of the program.

b) Appear before the Board, or a committee thereof, with the support of the PAP, to discuss her readiness to re-enter the practice of medicine. At that time, Respondent shall be prepared to propose her plans for future practice in New Jersey;

c) Provide the Board with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety, and welfare and that she is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of alcohol or any drug which could affect her practice;

d) Provide the Board with discharge summaries from any in-patient programs and reports from each and every health care professional who has participated in Respondent's care and/or treatment for the disability in

this matter during the period of time from the date the within Order is filed to her appearance before the Board;

e) Provide the Board with a report from the PAP detailing the nature and extent of her involvement with that entity, and whether she has abided by the recommendations made by the PAP;

f) Affirmatively establish her fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of medicine and surgery within New Jersey; and

g) Provide the Board with a full account of her conduct during the intervening period of time from her entry into this Order to her appearance.

5. Respondent shall comply with the attached directives which are incorporated herein by reference.

6. Respondent shall notify the DEA of this Order and return her original CDS registration to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, Post Office Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey, 08625-0183, upon receipt of a filed copy of this Order.

7. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Consent Order is without prejudice to further action, investigation or restrictions upon any reinstatement, by this Board, the Attorney General, the Drug Control Unit, the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs, or other law enforcement

entities resulting from Respondent's conduct prior to the entry of this Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: _____
Stewart A. Berkowitz, M.D.
President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

_____
Ambra Louvier, M.D.

9/30/14
Date

Consented to as to form:

_____
Joseph Skripek, Esq.

9/30/14
Date

DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE HAS BEEN ACCEPTED

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 10, 2000

All licensees who are the subject of a disciplinary order of the Board are required to provide the information required on the addendum to these directives. The information provided will be maintained separately and will not be part of the public document filed with the Board. 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 license is suspended or revoked or permanently surrendered, with or without prejudice. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains a probation 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. 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 or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care services. The disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee 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 suspended 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, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.)

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must 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 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. 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 action.

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 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 licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the 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 Secretary of State, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

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 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. 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.

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 N.J.S.A.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.