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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUNC PRO TUNC August 20, 2014

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
:
CAROL C. SKIPPER, M.D. : CONSENT ORDER
LICENSE NO. 25MA07104100 :
:
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY:
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information that Carol C. Skipper, M.D. ("Respondent") pleaded guilty to and was criminally convicted of the Wrongful Disclosure of Individually Identifiable Health Information, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1320d-6(a)(3)(b)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2. Specifically, Respondent stipulated that while she was the Medical Director for Premium Medical Care, LLC, she knowingly provided 27 prescriptions, for individuals she never treated, for various tests and/or procedures knowing that others would use unique health identifiers and individually identifiable health information relating to those 27 prescriptions. Respondent also stipulated that the resultant loss from this conduct was

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\$103,140. Respondent was sentenced to pay this amount in restitution and serve a two year period of probation. In March 2014, Respondent voluntarily closed her practice and has not been practicing medicine since that time.

Respondent's course of conduct constitutes professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e). In addition, Respondent's resulting conviction for her crime, involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board, is a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

The parties being desirous of resolving this matter without need for the filing of an administrative complaint and additional administrative proceedings, and it appearing that Respondent has read the terms of the within Order and understands their meaning and effect and consents to be bound by same, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare; and being further satisfied that good cause exists to support the entry of this Order:

IT IS, therefore, on this 16 day of December, 2014,
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent Carol C. Skipper, M.D. agrees to the suspension of her license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey for a one year period, with three months being served as a period of active suspension, and the remainder stayed and served as a term of probation. The period of active suspension shall begin

nunc pro tunc on August 20, 2014.

2. Respondent shall complete both a Board approved ethics course and a Board approved medical record keeping course at her own expense and demonstrate successful completion to the Board within six months of the filed date of this Consent Order. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservation.

3. Respondent is assessed costs pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-25(d) including costs of investigation and transcript costs totaling \$4,117.69. The amount of \$4,117.69 shall be payable over twelve equal monthly installments beginning on the first day of the month following entry of the Order payable to the State of New Jersey, and sent to William Roeder, Executive Director, Board of Medical Examiners, Executive Director, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, NJ 08625-0183. Acceptable forms of payment are bank check, money order, certified check or wire transfer. If a form of payment is presented other than the approved forms noted above, it shall be rejected and returned to the party making payment with a reminder regarding the forms of approved payment.

4. A Certificate of Debt shall be filed in the amount of \$4,117.69 upon the filing of this Order.

5. Respondent shall comply with the "Directives Applicable to any Medical Board Licensee who is Suspended, Revoked or Whose

Surrender of Licensure has been Accepted," attached hereto and made a part hereof.

6. Failure to comply with any provision of this Consent Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:45C-1.1 et seq. for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: Stewart A. Berkowitz
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Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its contents.

Carol C. Skipper, M.D.

Date

Consented as to form:

By Darren Kirton, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent
Carol C. Skipper, M.D.

Date

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12/15/14
Date

Consented as to form:

Darren Kirton
By Darren Kirton, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent
Carol C. Skipper, M.D.

12/15/14
Date

**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.