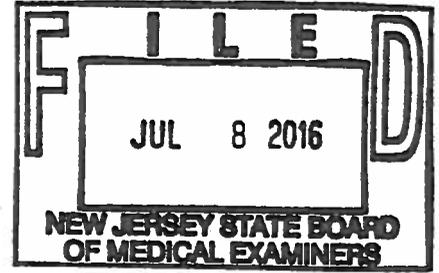


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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

ALEX SARKODIE, M.D.
License No. 25MA07074800

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information that Alex Sarkodie, M.D. ("Respondent") had engaged in multiple violations of the rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine and surgery in New Jersey.

On May 24, 2016, the Acting Attorney General filed a Verified Administrative Complaint and Order to Show Cause before the Board seeking the temporary suspension of Respondent's license. The conduct supporting the Order to Show Cause, as alleged in the Verified Complaint, include gross or repeated malpractice in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(c) and/or (d); professional misconduct in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e); failure to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the Board in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) (specifically, engaging in

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sexual contact/sexual harassment with patients and employees in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.3); and/or demonstrates the failure to be of good moral character as required for licensing as a physician pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.

A hearing on the Acting Attorney General's Order to Show Cause application was scheduled to be heard by the Board on June 8, 2016. In order to allow the parties time to discuss a global resolution of this matter, an adjournment of that date was granted in the Interim Consent Order for temporary suspension filed on June 6, 2016. While the parties continue to discuss a global resolution of this matter, Respondent has agreed to remain temporarily suspended until further order of the Board.

The Board finds the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety, and welfare, and for good cause shown,

IT IS, therefore, on this 8th day of July, 2016,

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent Alex Sarkodie, M.D. is temporarily suspended from the practice of medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey pending further order of the Board either following a plenary hearing or other application consented to by the parties.

2. During the time Respondent's license is temporarily suspended he shall not see, examine, treat or otherwise offer medical services at any location in New Jersey, including his medical practice located in Paterson, New Jersey or any healthcare facility. This limitation shall specifically include the issuance of any prescription for, or dispensation of, medications of any kind within the State of New Jersey including but not limited to Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS").

3. During the time Respondent's license is temporarily suspended he shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him or others. Respondent shall be permitted to collect account receivables with respect to professional services that he rendered prior to May 31, 2016.

4. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Interim Consent Order is without prejudice to further action or investigation by this Board, the Acting 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 and without prejudice to a plenary hearing as to the allegations contained in the Verified Administrative Complaint filed with the Board of Medical Examiners on May 24, 2016. The parties further stipulate that entry into this Interim Order is without admissions of any kind by Respondent.

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.

6. 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 incorporated by reference.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY:


Stewart A. Berkowitz, M.D.
Board President

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

Alex Sarkodic
Alex Sarkodic, M.D.

07/06/2016
Date

Consented as to form:

Jef Henninger
Jef Henninger, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

7/7/16
Date

**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.

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