

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE**

OF

RACHEL NICOLE HULL, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, RACHEL NICOLE HULL, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 21690, issued August 17, 2011, and said license number expires on June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2022, Licensee received notice from her employer at the time, Ochsner Rush Health, that an audit had been conducted and Licensee was guilty of a Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) violation, in which Licensee accessed confidential patient medical information without proper justification;

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2022, Ochsner Rush Health placed Licensee on administrative leave, and terminated her without cause, effective thirty (30) days from the date of notice, on October 6, 2022;

WHEREAS, on January 27, 2023, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as "Board", requested an explanation of events, and Licensee responded on February 1, 2023, acknowledging the HIPAA violation she committed, and subsequent termination of her employment by Ochsner Rush Health;

WHEREAS, the allegations, if established before the Board, constitute violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) §§ 73-25-83

(a) and (c), and 73-25-29(8)(d) as amended, for which the Board may revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances;

WHEREAS, Licensee acknowledges committing the violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act;

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions as specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by her joinder herein, does hereby **REPRIMAND** Licensee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee's medical license (No. 21690) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi is hereby suspended for a period of six (6) months, with the suspension immediately stayed.
2. Licensee shall attend and successfully complete Continuing Medical Education (CME) courses in the areas of Boundaries and Medical Ethics. The CME courses required herein shall be obtained by attending a course in the subjects noted above as provided by Board-approved providers. Licensee shall submit proof of her successful completion to the Board, to include any twelve-month follow-up documentation required herein, on a timely basis. Licensee shall register for, and attend, said courses within the next one (1) year. If additional time is needed for attendance, Licensee shall submit a written request for an

extension, to be approved in advance by the Executive Director of the Board. All costs relating to CME requirements of this paragraph are borne by Licensee. This is in addition to the forty (40) hours of CME requirements as cited in Title 30, Part 2610, Chapter 2 of the Board's Rules and Regulations.

3. Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine.
4. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written notification and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order. Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, formal charges will be brought, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee's violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, and the Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, insurance company, insurance panel, healthcare network, agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing her right to notice of charges specified against her, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of her choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **RACHEL NICOLE HULL, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives her right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board

to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, thereby **REPRIMANDING** her medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

Executed, this the 14 day of April 2023.


RACHEL NICOLE HULL, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 18th day of May, 2023, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.


WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, M.D.
Board President