

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE**

**OF**

**GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O.**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF HINDS**

**CONSENT ORDER**

**WHEREAS, GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O.**, hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 21158, said license number expires on June 30, 2019;

**WHEREAS**, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if established during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has violated certain provisions of the Mississippi Medical Practice Law, specifically, Subsection (8)(d) of §73-25-29 and §73-25-83(a), Miss. Code Ann., 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**, 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;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby take the following disciplinary action:

1. Licensee's Certificate (No. 21158) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi is hereby suspended for an indefinite period of time from the date of execution of this order, with no stay of the suspension. However, upon expiration of one (1) year from the date of execution of this order, Licensee shall have the right, but not the obligation, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-32, to petition the Board for reinstatement of licensure.
  
2. In the event Licensee elects to seek reinstatement of his medical license pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-32, he is advised and fully understands that there is no guarantee that the Board will grant reinstatement. Furthermore, Licensee is advised, fully understands and agrees that as a part of any consideration of reinstatement, the Board, through its Executive Director, may require Licensee to undergo a comprehensive multidisciplinary assessment or evaluation for the purpose of determining his fitness to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Said assessment or evaluation may be conducted with advice and recommendation from the Mississippi Physician Health Program (MPHP) pursuant to the Mississippi Disabled Physician Law, Miss. Code Ann §73-25-51 et seq. In the event reinstatement is granted following a full hearing, the Board reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion to place any and all restrictions on Licensee's practice deemed necessary to protect the public.
  
3. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-30. 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.

By execution of this Consent Order, Licensee is not admitting to or acknowledging any misconduct or act of malpractice and this Order cannot be used against Licensee as proof of misconduct or medical malpractice in any other civil or criminal proceeding.

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, thereby accessible through the Board's website. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Consent Order to, among others, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Due to the public nature of this Order, the Board makes no representation as to actions, if any, which any insurance company, healthcare network, agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27 (1972), to be represented therein by

legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O.** nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of all charges and hereby voluntarily executes this Consent Order, thereby suspending his medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

**EXECUTED**, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

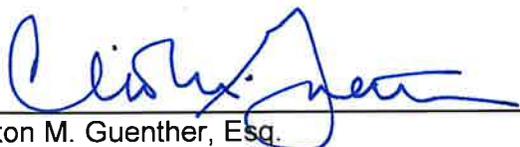
  
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**GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O.**

**ACCEPTED AND APPROVED**, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

  
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**KENNETH E. CLEVELAND, M.D.**  
Executive Director

  
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Board President

**APPROVED:**

  
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