

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

JENNIFER GRIFFIN, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

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WHEREAS, JENNIFER GRIFFIN, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 21889, said license number expires on June 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation of the Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has, by her own sworn deposition, admitted to violating provisions of the Board's Administrative Code pertaining to pre-signing prescriptions, which is considered unprofessional conduct;

WHEREAS, the above conduct, if established before the Board, constitutes violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Subsections (3), (8)(d) and (13) 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, Licensee has stated to the Board that, despite now admitting the inappropriateness of pre-signed prescriptions, her intent was to ensure the care of her patient;

WHEREAS, Licensee wishes to avoid a hearing before the Mississippi State

Board of Medical Licensure and, in lieu thereof, has consented to certain conditions on her license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by her joinder herein, does hereby **suspend** Licensee's medical license, with said suspension **immediately stayed**, subject to the following probationary terms and conditions, to-wit:

1. Licensee shall, within six (6) months of the date of this Order, successfully complete Board approved Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the areas of (i) Prescribing of Controlled Substances and (ii) Medical Record Keeping, said courses to be selected from the list of Board approved courses attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Licensee shall provide proof of attendance and participation in each aspect of the courses required herein. Any credit received for such CME shall be in addition to the usual forty (40) hours of Category I credits required by Board regulation. Licensee will be required to be on-site while taking the CME course(s), as the course(s) cannot be taken on-line or by other means. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion to the Board.
2. Licensee will obey all Federal, State and local laws, and all rules, regulations, and ethics requirements governing his practice of medicine. Any further acts of noncompliance will result in further action by this Board.
3. Licensee shall report in writing to the Board within ten (10) days of any change in her practice location and/or change in employment.
4. Licensee's practice shall be subject to periodic, unannounced surveillance by the Board. The Executive Director, or any member or agent of the Board, shall have

the right at any time to inspect the practice location of Licensee, including, but not limited to any and all medical records, orders for medication, and any other record or document required to be maintained by Board Administrative Code.

5. Licensee agrees that the terms and conditions of this Order are final and will not be reconsidered.

Licensee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to petition the Board for reinstatement of her license to full, unrestricted status after completing all terms and conditions of this Order.

Licensee shall reimburse the Board of 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 have 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 said notice is mailed to Licensee at her last known 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 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 or any other entity 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 (1972), 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, JENNIFER GRIFFIN, M.D., nonetheless, 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 placing her medical license on probation, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED, this the 1st day of February, 2020.



JENNIFER GRIFFIN, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 3rd day of ~~February~~, 2020, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure. June



JEANNE ANN REA, M.D.
Board President