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

OF

ERICH ALBERTO ARIAS, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, ERICH ALBERTO ARIAS, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 18796, said license number expires on June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2020, Licensee signed an Agreed Order with the New Mexico Medical Board. Pursuant to said Order, Licensee was required to pay a fine of \$3,000.00, complete an intensive New Mexico Medical Board-approved course on professionalism, and Licensee was also reprimanded. Furthermore, Licensee was required to inform all jurisdictions, in which Licensee holds a medical license, of said Order;

WHEREAS, on October 08, 2020, Licensee submitted a copy of said Order to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board." Said Order was received by the Board on October 13, 2020;

whereas, the aforementioned information, if produced 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 place a <u>reprimand</u> on Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- Licensee shall satisfy all requirements of the New Mexico Medical Board's Agreed Order and submit proof of successful completion of said Order to this Board.
- 2. 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.

Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee 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 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 Federation of State Medical Boards, and the Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which any other 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 based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, ERICH ALBERTO ARIAS, M.D., nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order, thereby placing a reprimand on his medical license, subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this 28 day of October, 2020

ERICH ALBERTO ARIAS, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the day of November, 2020, by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

JEANNE ANN REA, M.D.

Bøard President