

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

MATTHEW BRIAN JONES, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, MATTHEW BRIAN JONES, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 17025, said license number expires on June 30, 2021;

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 produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has utilized pre-signed prescriptions, and has issued self-prescribed controlled substance prescriptions, both personally and by and through his collaborative Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (i.e., Nurse Practitioner), without the benefit of a medical record justifying their issuance, all constituting violations of the Mississippi Medical Practice Law, specifically, Subsections (3) and (8)(d) of §73-25-29 and §73-25-83(a), Miss. Code Ann., as amended, including but not limited to provisions of the Board's Administrative Code pertaining to the administering, prescribing and dispensing of controlled substances; 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 **suspend** Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Licensee's certificate (No. 17025) is hereby suspended for a period of six (6) months effective May 20, 2021. Upon expiration of the aforementioned six (6) months (November 20, 2021), and provided Licensee is in full compliance with this Order, Licensee's certificate to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi shall be automatically reinstated and Licensee authorized to return to practice without any other further action or appearance before the Board.
2. Upon return to practice as provided in paragraph 1 above, Licensee shall be thereafter prohibited from prescribing Schedule II and IIN medications for an additional period of six (6) months.
3. Licensee shall take immediate steps to contact the medical director of the Mississippi Physician Health Program (MPHP) and disclose all facts which prompted Licensee's execution of this Consent Order, and shall make arrangements to submit to evaluation for potential mental, emotional or physical impairment at a facility approved in advance and in writing by MPHP and the Board. By executing this Consent Order, Licensee authorizes the Board and MPHP to fully disclose and share with such facility any and all information regarding Licensee which the MPHP may, in its discretion, deem necessary to evaluate and/or advise Licensee. Upon conclusion of the evaluation, a report shall be sent to the MPHP, with a copy to the Board's Executive Director, setting forth the findings and recommendations. In the event it is the recommendation of the evaluating facility

that Licensee needs treatment, Licensee shall comply with all such recommendations, including obtaining advocacy from MPHP.

4. Licensee shall, within six (6) months of the acceptance and approval of this Order, successfully complete Board approved Continuing Medical Education (CME) in the areas of (i) Medical Ethics, (ii) Practice Boundaries, (iii) Prescribing of Controlled Substances, and (iv) 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 to the Board's Clinical Director of Physician Compliance. Any credit received for such CME shall be in addition to the usual forty (40) hours of Category I credits required by Board regulation.
5. Licensee is hereby prohibited from supervising any Physician Assistants (PAs) and/or collaborating with any Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) for the duration of this Order.
6. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further acts of misconduct will result in further action.
7. Licensee expressly agrees he will not seek an appearance before the Board prior to the completion of the terms of this Order and, further, agrees the terms and conditions of this Order, once executed, will not be reconsidered.
8. 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.

9. Upon the successful completion of the terms enumerated herein, as effected by notice sent to Licensee from the Board's Clinical Director of Physician Compliance, and upon satisfaction of the Board's Executive Director of same, Licensee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to petition the Board to request the removal of any or all of the remaining restrictions.

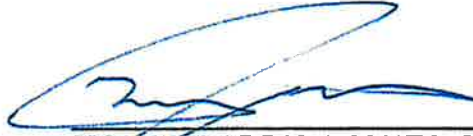
Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the right, pursuant to a full evidentiary hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take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

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, 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 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 rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **MATTHEW BRIAN JONES, 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 suspending his medical license, subject to those terms, conditions, and restrictions listed above.

EXECUTED, this the 1st, day of June, 2021.



MATTHEW BRIAN JONES, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 20th, day of May, 2021, by the
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.



WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, M.D.
Board President