

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

JOSEPH PREMALAL FERNANDO, M.D.

ORDER OF TEMPORARY ACTION PENDING HEARING

WHEREAS, Joseph Premalal Fernando, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," currently holds Mississippi Compact Medical License Number 24989, said license is currently expired as of June 30, 2021. Licensee retains the inchoate right of renewal;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," upon determining that evidence in its possession indicates that a physician's continuation in practice would constitute an immediate danger to the public, has the authority, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-89, to take any of the same actions on a temporary basis, without a hearing, which it could otherwise take under §§ 73-25-81 to 73-25-95 following a hearing, provided proceedings for a hearing before the Board are initiated simultaneously with such temporary action without a hearing, and a hearing to be held within fifteen (15) days;

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure has evidence in its possession indicating that Licensee's continued practice or unrestricted practice would constitute an immediate danger to the public pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., §73-25-89.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that, pursuant to the aforementioned authority, Mississippi Medical License Number 24989, issued to Licensee, is hereby suspended pending the outcome of a hearing scheduled for

September 23, 2021. Pending the scheduled hearing, Licensee is prohibited from treating, counseling or otherwise offering any medical advice or services to patients. Enclosed herewith and served as part of this Order is a copy of the Determination with Affidavit and accompanying Summons, finding the Board has in its possession evidence indicating that Licensee's continuation in the practice or unrestricted practice of medicine would constitute an immediate danger to the public.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be sent by certified mail or personally served upon Joseph Premalal Fernando, M.D., and shall be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

ORDERED this the 8th of September 2021.

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Cleveland".

Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director

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DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR TEMPORARY ACTION

WHEREAS, the Board has in its possession evidence indicating that Joseph Premalar Fernando, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," has been summarily suspended by several medical boards in other states stemming from felony charges in Missouri. Said facts are set forth by Affidavit of Jonathan Dalton, Director of Investigations for the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, attached hereto and incorporated herein;

WHEREAS, said evidence indicates that Licensee's continuation in the practice or unrestricted practice of medicine would constitute an immediate danger to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that action should be taken without a hearing, prohibiting Licensee from practicing medicine pursuant to authority granted in Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-89.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Determination shall be sent by certified mail or personally served upon Joseph Premalar Fernando, M.D., and should be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

ORDERED, this the 8th day of September 2021.

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SUMMONS

**TO: JOSEPH PREMALAL FERNANDO, M.D.
2566 STONERIDGE DRIVE
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LICENSE NUMBER 24989

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in its Executive Conference Room, 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, on September 23, 2021, at 10:00 am, to answer the charges filed against you in the matter now pending before this Board. The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, charged by law with the licensing of medical doctors in this state, under Title 73, Chapter 25, Mississippi Code (1972), as amended, charges that you, a physician duly licensed under the authority of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and laws of the State of Mississippi are guilty of the revocation, suspension or other restriction imposed on a license by a licensing authority. Under Subsection (9) of Miss. Code Ann., §73-25-29, as amended, such acts constitute grounds for the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure to place your license on probation, the terms of which may be set by the Board, suspend your right to practice for a time deemed proper by the Board, revoke your Mississippi medical license or take any other action in relation to your license as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances.

The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure further advises that you have a right to be present at the hearing, to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses or

evidence on your behalf, to cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas issued by this Board.

You are further advised that, pursuant to the Board's Rules of Procedure, you must file an answer or response to this Summons/Affidavit within fifteen (15) days of the date you receive the same or all matters asserted therein shall be deemed admitted. A full text of the Board's Rules of Procedure can be found at the Board's website www.msbml.ms.gov or can be obtained from the Board office.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this the 8th day of September, 2021.



Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.
Executive Director
Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

I, Paul Barnes
personally served this
subpoena/summons on Dr. Fernando's attorney,
Scott Rosenblum via email, who
accepted service on behalf of Dr. Fernando.
This the 8th day of September, 2021.