BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF: GREGORY ALVIN AUZENNE, M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, GREGORY ALVIN AUZENNE, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of License No. 20220 in the State of Mississippi, and said license is current through June 30, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Investigative Division of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation into the medical practice of Licensee and has in its possession evidence, which, if produced during the course of a completed evidentiary hearing, may be able to substantiate that Licensee violated certain provisions of Mississippi Medical Practice Law, specifically, Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(6), 73-25-29(8)(d), and 73-25-83(a).

WHEREAS, in 2014, in Lauderdale County, Licensee reportedly had knowledge of the occurrence of events affecting the initial or continued right of a third party to retain pharmacy benefits and payments from a Federal health care program, to wit, TRICARE. Although Licensee disclosed such information to his hospital

employer and the subject pharmacy, he failed to disclose the fraudulent activity of others to TRICARE allowing Customer Care Pharmacy to secure such benefit and payment for prescriptions for compounded medications to Rx Remedies Pharmacy and Marco Moran, when no such benefit and payment was authorized.

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2023, Licensee pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of failure to disclose healthcare fraud, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(a)(3). Said charges were identified in U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Mississippi, Northern Division—Criminal Action No: 3:23cr20.

WHEREAS, Licensee was sentenced to up to five (5) years' probation and ordered to pay restitution to the victims.

WHEREAS, Licensee and the Board engaged in an evidentiary hearing before the Board on September 14, 2023, and after the presentation of evidence during the hearing, Licensee and the Board agreed to discontinue the hearing and resolve the matter through a Consent Order, subject to the terms and conditions as specified below, to be presented to the Board for review and approval.

NOW, THERFORE, the Board, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, herby takes the following disciplinary actions:

- (1) Licensee's medical license is hereby on probation. Terms of the probation run concurrently with the terms and conditions of Licensee's federal probation.
- (2) Licensee must successfully complete the terms and conditions of his federal probation.

- (3) Licensee shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any additional acts of misconduct will result in further disciplinary action.
- (4) Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-30, said amount not to exceed \$10,000. Licensee shall be advised of the total cost 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 cost is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail.
- (5) Licensee does not have to personally appear before the Board to be released from the terms and conditions herein. However, License shall send a copy of the Federal Court Order lifting the terms and conditions of probation to the Executive Director.

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 another 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.

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 National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB), the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services (OIG HHS), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, and the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). The Board makes no representation as to what action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Consent 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 ALVIN AUZENNE, 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 subject to those terms and conditions listed above.

EXECUTED AND EFFECTIVE, this the 14th day of September 2023.

Gregory Alvin Auzenne, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 14th day of September 2023.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

RY:

MICHELLE OWENS., M.D.

PRESIDENT