

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

**OF**

**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

**SURRENDER OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

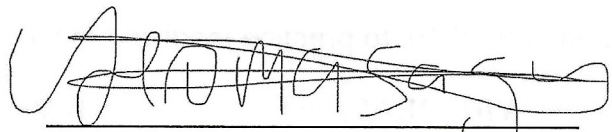
**WHEREAS, ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**, hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 26900, issued on June 28, 2019, to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi;

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure ("Board") has brought formal administrative charges against Licensee alleging violations of Board regulations pertaining to prescribing and dispensing controlled substances for weight loss, as well as certain provisions of the Medical Practice Act. Those charges are currently pending and a disciplinary hearing to resolve same is set before the Board on July 17, 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, to resolve this matter and to avoid a hearing before the Board, Licensee hereby voluntarily surrenders his license (No. 26900) to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi and understands said Surrender shall be effective immediately upon execution. Licensee understands this is an unconditional surrender and is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank and other entities such as the Federation of State Medical Boards and shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee expressly agrees that he will not seek renewal or reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Mississippi, nor will he seek a new license to practice in this State.

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, **ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and hereby voluntarily executes this **Surrender of Medical License**.

**EXECUTED**, this the 10th, day of July, 2025.



**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

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**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

**SUMMONS**

**TO: Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D.  
Dream Weight Clinic  
1060 E County Line Road  
Suite 1A  
Ridgeland, MS 39157**

**LICENSE NUMBER 26900**

**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 Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., 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, Miss. Code Ann. charges that you, a physician duly licensed under the authority of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and the laws of the State of Mississippi, are guilty of violating the Agreement Not to Practice (ANTP) effective on November 20, 2024 by continued practice of medicine violating multiple paragraphs of the ANTP. The Board further charges that you have continued to delegate your dispensing authority to your staff in violation of Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29(8)(d) and (13). Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-89 and the Agreement Not to Practice, the Board may

immediately prohibit you from the practice of medicine pending a hearing 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 the 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 on your behalf 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 and supporting 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](http://www.msbml.ms.gov) or can be obtained from the Board office.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE**, this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



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

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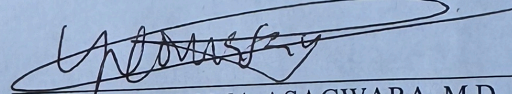
**OF**

**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF PROCESS**

I, Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., have been named as a Respondent to the above-styled and numbered cause before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (MSBML), and have been served with a copy of the Summons dated March 28, 2025; Order of Temporary Action Pending Hearing dated March 28, 2025; Determination of Need for Temporary Action, dated March 28, 2025; Affidavit of Christa Garnett, dated March 27, 2025; and Affidavit of Catina White dated March 28, 2025; all duly filed by MSBML.

THIS, the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

**APPROVED:**

/s/ William C. Bell  
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William Bell, Attorney for Dr. Asagwara



**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE OF**

**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

**ORDER OF TEMPORARY ACTION PENDING HEARING**

**WHEREAS**, Rommel Asagwara, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," currently holds Mississippi License Number 26900, said license is valid until June 30, 2025;

**WHEREAS**, Licensee executed an Agreement Not to Practice on November 20, 2024, wherein he agreed, *inter alia*, to refrain from the practice of medicine and to obey all federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

**WHEREAS**, in the Agreement Not to Practice Licensee specifically acknowledged his understanding and acceptance "that any violation(s) of this agreement will result in the immediate suspension of my license but with the right to a post-discipline hearing within 15 days pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-89";

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Board) has evidence in its possession indicating that Licensee has violated the Agreement Not to Practice executed, agreed, signed, and effective on November 20, 2024;

**WHEREAS**, the Board has evidence in its possession indicating that Licensee has violated prescribing and dispensing regulations;

**WHEREAS**, by virtue of violation(s) of the aforementioned Agreement, the Board has the authority to prohibit Licensee from practicing medicine until such time as the Board determines after a full evidentiary hearing that Licensee may return to the practice of medicine;

**WHEREAS**, Licensee's conduct violates Miss. Code Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, is Unprofessional Conduct pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(8)(d) and further violates Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13).

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that pursuant to the aforementioned authority, Mississippi Physician's License number 26900, issued to Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., is hereby suspended pending the outcome of a hearing scheduled for April 3, 2025. Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine, either directly or indirectly, or otherwise offering any medical advice or services to patients.

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

**ORDERED** this the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2025



**Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure**

Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.  
Executive Director

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**ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**

**DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR TEMPORARY ACTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board has in its possession evidence indicating that Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," executed an Agreement Not to Practice ("ANTP") on November 20, 2024, with The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the "Board"), but has violated said agreement by continuing to practice medicine. Licensee's continued practice of medicine violates multiple paragraphs of the ANTP. Further, Licensee has continued to delegate his dispensing authority to his staff in violation of Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29(8)(d) and (13). These violations support the conclusion that Licensee's continued practice of medicine, in violation of the ANTP, the prescribing and dispensing regulations, and the Medical Practice Act represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. Facts supporting this finding are set forth in the Affidavit of Christa Garnett, Certified Investigator for the Board, and the Affidavit of Catina White, PharmD, MBA, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

**WHEREAS**, based on the aforementioned evidence the undersigned concludes and makes the determination and finding that Licensee's continuation in the practice or unrestricted practice of medicine, including practice in violation of prescribing and dispensing regulations, constitutes an immediate danger to public health and safety, and Licensee should be immediately prohibited from the practice of medicine pending a hearing pursuant to authority granted in the Agreement Not to Practice executed by Licensee as well as Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-89.



**IT IS ORDERED**, that a copy of this Determination shall be sent by certified mail or personally served upon Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., and shall be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

**ORDERED**, this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.



**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

  
Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.  
Executive Director

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**COUNTY OF HINDS**

**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Christa Garnett, Certified Medical Board Investigator, Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," do hereby make oath that I have reason to believe and do believe:

1. That **ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.**, hereby referred to as "Licensee," currently holds Mississippi Physician License Number 26900, and said number is valid until June 30, 2025.
2. That Licensee lists his primary practice location as Dream Weight Loss Clinic ("DWC" or "the Clinic") located at 1060 East County Line Road, Suite 1A, Ridgeland MS, 39157. Licensure records indicate Licensee as being approximately forty-one (41) years of age.
3. That the most recent information available to the Board is that Licensee is currently residing in Ridgeland MS.
4. On June 17, 2024, a Summons and Affidavit were served on Licensee through his Attorney, who accepted service on Licensee's behalf. Licensee was formally charged with six Counts of misconduct related to his prescribing, dispensing, and distribution of controlled substances for weight loss. The pending charges include failure to maintain complete patient prescribing records; administering, dispensing,

or prescribing controlled substances other than in the course of legitimate practice; prescribing diet medication without a proper comprehensive evaluation; unprofessional conduct for delegating dispensing authority to another person; unprofessional conduct due to the use of a fraudulent practice in connection with Board licensing requirements; and unprofessional conduct for dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public. The hearing on these charges was originally scheduled for July 17, 2024. The hearing was continued on July 17 and September 25.

**Immediate Danger**

5. On November 20, 2024, Licensee was scheduled for a hearing before the Board on the aforementioned charges. However, on November 19, 2024, Licensee's attorney notified the Board's counsel that Licensee was experiencing a mental health crisis and was unfit to present before the Board. On November 20, 2024, Licensee's attorney reported to the Board on his client's condition in Executive Session and a joint motion for continuance was granted. Also on November 20, Licensee voluntarily executed an Agreement Not to Practice.
6. The Agreement Not to Practice contains several key provisions:

1. For the duration of this Agreement, **I will not practice medicine in any manner, in any state or jurisdiction**, either directly or indirectly. Further **I will not make or complete an application to practice medicine in any state or jurisdiction.**

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3. I agree to submit to a fitness-for-duty evaluation at a facility selected by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the Board), and I understand and agree that I will bear all costs associated with said evaluation. Further, **I understand**

**and agree that the Board will not consider my return to the practice of medicine until it receives confirmation of my ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to my patients and myself. Additionally, should further treatment be deemed necessary by the evaluating facility, I agree to submit to and complete any recommendations, and I agree to execute all necessary releases for the Board to obtain, view, and discuss my compliance and progress with the facility rendering my treatment.**

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**4. I understand that my return to the practice of medicine could be conditioned upon my completion of additional requirements, and I agree to comply fully with all requirements set forth by the Board related to this Agreement. Additionally, I understand the Board may find it necessary to place certain restrictions on my return to practice which are deemed necessary to protect the public.**

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**5. I agree to follow all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. I understand that any acts of misconduct will constitute a violation of this agreement. I understand and accept that any violation(s) of this agreement will result in the immediate suspension of my license but with the right to a post-discipline hearing within 15 days pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-89.**

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**7. I expressly agree not to seek an appearance before the Board prior to the completion of the terms of this Agreement, and I understand that signing this Agreement does not resolve the charges now pending before this Board. Upon completion of this agreement, those charges will remain outstanding, and a new hearing date will be set to adjudicate said charges.**

Asagwara ANTP ¶¶ 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 (emphasis added).



7. As required by the ANTP, Dr. Asagwara presented at the Professional Renewal Center (PRC) for an evaluation on his fitness from December 3-6, 2024. The Board received a Preliminary Evaluation Summary and Recommendations on or about December 18, 2024. The Preliminary Report recommended that Dr. Asagwara comply with all recommendations and requirements of the State Board of Medical Licensure and the State Board of Pharmacy; participate in individual psychotherapy at least weekly; establish a doctor patient relationship for further assessment; and to participate in a short course in a professionals' program to address his ability to establish and maintain boundaries and establish office protocols. A final Assessment Discharge Summary was received and processed by the Board's Compliance Officer on or about January 6, 2025. An Addendum reporting Dr. Asagwara's good performance during his medical residency training was received by the Board on January 13, 2025.
8. In both the Preliminary Evaluation on December 18, 2024, and the Assessment Discharge Summary received January 6, 2025, the Professional Renewal Center team concluded that **"With his compliance with the above recommendations** Dr. Asagwara is fit to practice medicine from a psychiatric and psychological perspective." (Emphasis added).
9. Since November 20, 2024, neither Dr. Asagwara nor anyone acting on his behalf has contacted the Board to finalize the Board requirements for his return to practice or to confirm that Dr. Asagwara is, in fact, complying with the PRC recommendations---and therefore fit to practice medicine.

10. Since he signed the ANTP on November 20, 2024, and thus was prohibited from the practice of medicine, Affiant periodically surveilled the Clinic. On multiple occasions, a vehicle known to be driven by DWC staff was observed in the parking lot area of the Clinic, but no other clinic activity or known vehicles of Licensee were observed in the parking lot.
11. On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, during the course of Affiant's routine observation, the vehicle known to be driven by office staff was located in the parking lot. As Affiant was leaving the parking lot, a vehicle pulled into the parking lot and parked directly in front of the Clinic. A female exited the driver's door and went to the entrance of the clinic. She attempted to open the door and then knocked on the door. A person opened the door and handed the woman a package. The woman returned to her vehicle and left the premises. Affiant was able to document the license plate information. As this vehicle was leaving the parking lot, another vehicle pulled in and parked in front of the Clinic. A female exited the driver's door of this vehicle and went to the front door of the Clinic. A person met her at the door and handed her a package. She returned to her vehicle and exited the parking lot. Affiant was able to document the license plate information of this vehicle.
12. Subsequently, the Board's Investigative Staff identified the registered owners of the above Chevrolet Tahoe and Nissan Altima through the use of government database checks. After ascertaining the individual's names and dates of birth, the Board's Investigative Staff conducted patient-specific searches of them on the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program ("MPMP") operated by Mississippi Board of Pharmacy ("MBOP"). According to the data obtained and reviewed by

Affiant, both individuals had previous MPMP reports of dispensing of Adipex or phentermine to them from Licensee but neither had any recent dispensing documented on their MPMP for phentermine by Licensee or any other provider. These individuals will be referred to as Patient 15 and Patient 16 going forward.

13. MPMP regulations require a dispensing physician to report all controlled prescriptions to the MPMP within twenty-four (24) hours of issuance. A subsequent check of the MPMP showed no report of any controlled prescriptions documented on either patient's MPMP since the ANTP was signed on November 20, 2024.
14. As a result of this information, the Board's Investigative Staff informed the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics ("MBN") and the MBOP. This resulted in MBN requesting Affiant to accompany an MBN Agent in surveilling the Clinic on Friday, February 21, 2025. During this time, Licensee and DWC office staff were observed removing items from the clinic which included a mini refrigerator, multiple boxes, cleaning supplies, and large garbage bags.
15. On Monday, February 24, 2025, an MBN Agent requested Affiant accompany him to speak with Patient 15 who was observed by Affiant on February 18, 2025. Patient 15 was at her place of employment. Patient 15 agreed to speak with the MBN Agent as well as Affiant. She confirmed that on February 18, 2025, she went to DWC to pick up a prescription medication, specifically phentermine, which is a controlled substance. She confirmed that she did not see Licensee and was not physically examined by anyone at the Clinic but was given a brown paper bag containing her prescription medication by office staff. Patient 15 also stated that she was not informed that DWC would be closing. During her interview, Patient 15

told Affiant that she had not met with or been examined by Licensee in approximately three (3) years; however, Patient 15 has been dispensed phentermine by Clinic staff on a regular basis. Patient 15 later provided photos of the bag and its contents which confirmed her statement that the prescription dispensed to her was a bottle labeled as Adipex. These photos were shared with Affiant. Patient 15 also provided a written statement in the form of an email to the MBN Agent which was shared with Affiant. The statement confirmed that Patient 15 went to the Clinic to pick up medication during the visit in question.

16. On Friday March 14, 2025, an interview was conducted by an MBN Agent of a former DWC office staff member who provided a statement and is a Cooperating Individual. Also present was the Director of Compliance for the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, Catina White. The MBN Agent discussed the interview of the Cooperating Individual with Affiant and provided a redacted copy of a statement from same. In this statement, the Cooperating Individual alleged that Licensee continued to practice and facilitate the practice of unlicensed medicine by his office staff after the Agreement Not to Practice was in force on November 20, 2024, and until February 21, 2025, when the clinic was closed. According to the Cooperating Individual, Licensee closed the clinic from mid-December until the first week of January. According to the Cooperating Individual, with the exception of the short period closure mentioned above, Licensee instructed the Cooperating Individual that at least ten (10) (a conservative estimate) bottles of controlled substances (specifically phentermine) be dispensed per week after the Agreement to Not Practice was in force. These medications were dispensed while Licensee was not



present at the Clinic or even in the State of Mississippi. The Cooperating Individual did not recall Licensee ever mentioning being restricted from practice. Licensee did not prepare or affix the labels on the controlled substances to be dispensed, they were prepared by the staff at his direction. Licensee did not personally dispense the controlled substances to the patients, this was done by the staff at Licensee's direction. For at least some period of time, Licensee provided staff members with codes necessary to access the computer program to allow them to prepare labels for patient medication. These business practices were consistent during the time the Cooperating Individual worked at the Clinic. Staff members were routinely instructed to prepare controlled substance prescription labels for patients and then dispense the medications at times when Licensee was not only not present in the Clinic, he was actually located in other states at the time.

17. Part 2640, Ch. 1, R. 1.2.H defines "Dispense" as "to deliver a controlled substance or legend drug other than by administering or prescribing to an ultimate user or research subject including the packaging, labeling, or compounding necessary to prepare the substance for that delivery."
18. Part 2640, Ch. 1, R.1.9 states "For the purposes of this rule, a "dispensing physician" means any physician who dispenses to a patient for the patient's use any controlled substance, legend drug or other medication where such medication is purchased by the physician for resale to a patient whether or not a separate charge is made."
19. Part 2640, Ch. 1, R.1.9 further states that "No physician may delegate dispensing authority to another person. A physician must personally dispense the medication.

For the purpose of this regulation, “personally dispense” means the physician must actually obtain the medication, prepare, count, place the same into the appropriate container and affix the appropriate label to the container.”

20. The staff members at the Clinic were not trained medical professionals of any type, nor did they possess any healthcare related certification, registration, or licensure, but routinely dispensed controlled substances to patients on the basis of dispensing authority delegated to them by Licensee. This occurred both before and after November 20, 2024.
21. To my knowledge, neither Licensee nor anyone acting on his behalf has contacted the Board since November 20, 2024. Licensee has not produced documentation confirming that he has complied with the recommendations in the Evaluation, nor has he asked whether any additional terms or restrictions will be placed on his return to practice. Licensee has not requested to appear before the Board so as to permit the Board to consider his return to practice, confirm whether Licensee is complying with all recommendations of the Assessment/Evaluation, and determine whether additional restrictions should be imposed on his return to practice.
22. Since signing the ANTP on November 20, 2024, Licensee obtained a medical license in California on January 27, 2025. On November 19, 2024, one day prior to signing the ANTP, at a time when he was reportedly having an emotional or mental crisis, Licensee was issued a medical license in the State of Virginia.

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Christa Garnett

Christa Garnett, CMBI

Agent

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



Jacqueline McKenzie

Notary Public

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

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**AFFIDAVIT**

I, Catina White, Director of Compliance for the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, do hereby make oath and state the following:

1. On Friday, March 14, 2025, Affiant participated in an interview of a former employee of Dream Weight Clinic, hereinafter referred to as the "Cooperating Individual." Also present was Robert Whitten, an Agent with the Mississippi Bureau of Narcotics.

2. When questioned about her testimony at the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy hearing in October 2024, the Cooperating Individual told us that she was not completely truthful at the Pharmacy hearing concerning Dr. Asagwara's clinic in Mississippi. When asked what part was not true, the Cooperating Individual said she and her coworker did receive texts or emails from Dr. Asagwara while he was away from the office that contained instructions telling the staff members who to prepare medications for.

3. The Cooperating Individual said that Dr. Asagwara was not physically present a majority of the time they were conducting the business of his medical practice. Dr. Asagwara was not even within the State of Mississippi most of the time. To produce labels for patients' medications dispensed at the clinic, the Cooperating Individual and her coworker used a login that Dr. Asagwara had given them to log into the clinic's computer



system and generated labels for the medications. The login information they were instructed to use was taped to the computer.

4. The staff members would prepare the medication(s), generate and apply the labels to the medication bottles, and dispense the medications to the patients when they came to pick them up. When testifying under oath at the Pharmacy hearing, the Cooperating Individual had denied doing any of this. When asked why she was not truthful in her testimony at that hearing, the Cooperating Individual said that she only said what Dr. Asagwara told her to say at the hearing. Dr. Asagwara told her that the Board of Pharmacy was not a real court and could not do anything to her. The Cooperating Individual did not understand that she would be testifying under oath until she was sworn in at the Pharmacy hearing.

5. When asked if she knew Dr. Asagwara was not supposed to practice after November 20, 2024, the Cooperating Individual said that she did not know. The Cooperating Individual did not recall Dr. Asagwara telling them he was not able to practice. The Cooperating Individual does recall Dr. Asagwara alluding to "them" wanting to stop him from practicing. The Cooperating Individual did not know who the "them" referred to by Dr. Asagwara was.

6. When asked if the clinic had been open after November 20, 2024, the Cooperating Individual stated yes, reporting that she believes the clinic may have been closed for the entire month of December, or at least she remembers having a lot of time off in December around the holidays and beginning of the year. The clinic re-opened during the middle or end of the month of January 2025 and closed at the end of February 2025. During that

time frame the staff continued following the routine process described above for when Dr. Asagwara was not physically in the clinic.

7. Dr. Asagwara did tell the staff members that they would be shutting the clinic down ahead of time and that he would help them find jobs elsewhere. Dr. Asagwara told the staff members that the reason for closing the clinic was that he had a sick relative he needed to care for.

8. The prescriptions in question dispensed by the staff members were the generic medication phentermine, which is commonly prescribed for weight loss. One of the brand names commonly used to refer to phentermine is "Adipex-P." Phentermine is a Schedule IV Controlled Substance. The terms "phentermine" and "Adipex" are often used interchangeably. Entities are required to report the dispensing of Schedule IV Controlled Substances, including phentermine or Adipex, to the Mississippi Prescription Monitoring Program ("MPMP") within twenty-four hours or by the next business day.

9. When asked if she knew whether all the phentermine prescriptions that were prepared by the staff members and picked up by patient(s) when Dr. Asagwara was not present were reported to the MPMP, the Cooperating Individual could not answer that question. She explained that during the time she worked for Dr. Asagwara, she did not have any understanding of the purpose of the MPMP or its reporting requirements. She only began to learn about the MPMP once she started a new job after Dr. Asagwara closed his clinic at the end of February 2025. The Cooperating Individual conservatively estimated that approximately 40-plus bottles of Adipex were prepared by the staff members at the office and picked up by patients from January 2025 to the time the clinic closed in February 2025. These 40-plus bottles of Adipex were among the dispensed

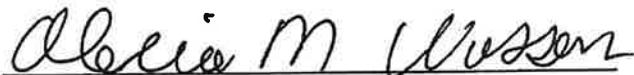
medications for which the staff members prepared the labels, affixed the labels to the medicine bottles, and dispensed to patients during times when Dr. Asagwara was not physically present at the clinic. The Cooperating Individual told us that Dr. Asagwara prescribed or ordered Adipex for the majority of the clinic's patients.

Further Affiant sayeth not.



Catina White, PharmD., MBA  
Director of Compliance  
Mississippi Board of Pharmacy

**SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME**, this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.



Notary Public

