

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF MEDICINE**

In re:

VICTOR M. IBRAHIM, M.D.

License No.: MD037930

Respondent

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CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Medicine (the “Board”) pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA). D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01, *et seq.* (2016 Repl.). The HORA authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia. The Board has broad jurisdiction to regulate the practice of medicine and to impose a variety of disciplinary sanctions upon a finding of a violation of the HORA. D.C. Official Code, § 3-1205.14; *Mannan v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 558 A.2d 329, 333 (D.C.1989). The Council of the District of Columbia, in amending the HORA, “intended to strengthen enforcement of its licensing laws.” *Davidson v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 562 A.2d 109, 113 (D.C.1989). And the HORA “was designed to ‘address modern advances and community needs with the paramount consideration of protecting the public interest.’” *Joseph v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 587 A.2d 1085, 1088 (D.C.1991) (*quoting* Report of the D.C. Council on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on Bill 6-317, at 7 (November 26, 1985)) (emphasis added by court).

Background

Victor M. Ibrahim, MD (“Respondent”) has been licensed in the District of Columbia to practice medicine since April 13, 2009.

On June 9, 2017, the Board began an investigation into Respondent’s abuse of illegal controlled substances. The Board had been informed by Arlington County, Virginia police that Respondent had twice been hospitalized for drug overdoses. Respondent reported to the Board that he had entered substance use treatment and stopped treating patients. On March 30, 2018, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (“Maryland Board”) issued an “Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine,” suspending Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Maryland. Md. Code Ann. State Gov’t § 10-266(c)(2)(i). The suspension was based on Respondent’s admitted use of cocaine. On April 22, 2018, the D.C. Department of Health, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.15(a)(1)(A), issued a Notice of Summary Suspension (“Notice”) which summarily suspended Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia.

Dr. Ibrahim is currently enrolled in the Maryland Physicians Health Program (the “MPHP”), and he has been following their treatment recommendations and will continue to be monitored by that organization.

The Board and Respondent have now agreed to enter into this Consent Order which will ensure that Respondent complies with treatment, thus ensuring the protection of the public and more specifically Respondent’s patients, while also enabling Respondent to resume practice when appropriate per his treatment guidelines. In accordance with 17 DCMR §§ 4118.11(b) and 4118.15, the Notice of Summary Suspension is superseded by this Consent Order and Respondent’s license to practice is reinstated.

Conclusions of Law

The Board is authorized to sanction Respondent under the HORA for his actions, which are related to the practice of medicine. The HORA provides, in pertinent part:

Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions provided in subsection (c) of this section against any applicant for a license, registration, or certification, an applicant to establish or operate a school of nursing or nursing program, or a person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who:

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(3) is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or peer review body or convicted or disciplined by a court of any jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3);

(5) is professionally or mentally incompetent or physically incapable; D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(5); and

(6) is addicted to, or habitually abuses, any narcotics or controlled substance as defined by Unit A of Chapter 9 of Title 48. D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(6).

The Maryland Board suspended Respondent's license due to his issues with substance abuse which impaired his ability to practice. Therefore Respondent has had disciplinary action taken against him by the proper licensing authority of another state, which authorizes the Board to impose disciplinary or corrective measure on him pursuant to D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14 (2016 Repl.).

ORDER

ACCORDINGLY, based upon the foregoing, it is by the Board hereby,

ORDERED that the suspension of Respondent's license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia is lifted, subject to the terms herein, upon full execution this Consent Order; and

ORDERED, that Respondent shall be placed on **PROBATION** for a period of no less than five years with the terms of probation as follows:

1. Respondent shall remain enrolled in the MPHP,¹ for treatment in a Board-monitored Rehabilitation Agreement for the length recommended by the MPHP; and
2. Respondent shall fully comply with all treatment recommendations of the Professional Renewal Center in Kansas both while at the treatment center and upon discharge; and
3. For the entire duration of the agreement period with the MPHP, Respondent shall fully, timely, and satisfactorily cooperate and comply with all MPHP recommendations and requirements, including but not limited to, the terms and conditions of any Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered into with the MPHP, self-help fellowship meetings, and in-patient substance abuse treatment if recommended by the MPHP; and
4. Respondent shall not practice medicine until the MPHP submits a written statement to the Board that Respondent is safe to practice medicine, and that Respondent is in compliance with the conditions of this Consent Order; and
5. Respondent shall sign any written release/consent forms, and update them, as required by the Board or MPHP. Specifically, Respondent shall sign any written release/consent form necessary to authorize the MPHP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any and all MPHP records and files and confidential drug and alcohol abuse information about Respondent. Respondent shall also sign any written release/consent forms required by the MPHP to authorize the MPHP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of Respondent's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information about him, including confidential drug and alcohol information; and

¹ If Dr. Ibrahim enters into a consent order that requires him to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (the "MPRP"), as expected, all references to MPHP in this Consent Order shall be deemed replaced by MPRP.

6. Respondent shall ensure the MPHP files with the Board quarterly monitoring reports that include information on Respondent's treatment progress, drug-testing and results, and any areas of concern; the first report shall be due no later than four (4) months after the effective date of this Consent Order; and
7. Respondent shall appear before the Board on an annual basis to discuss his sobriety, treatment regimen, practice and any other areas of concern to the Board; and
8. Respondent shall abstain from the use of alcohol, narcotics, illegal drugs and other mood-altering substances. Respondent may take controlled substances, but only if prescribed by a licensed health care provider for a legitimate medical purpose and only as prescribed. Prior to accepting any prescription for any medication from a licensed health care provider, Respondent shall provide the licensed health care provider with a copy of this Negotiated Settlement Agreement. Within forty-eight (48) hours of being prescribed any controlled substance, Respondent shall notify the Board of the controlled substance prescribed, the prescriber, the medical conditions for which the controlled substance was prescribed, the pharmacy at which the prescription was or will be filled, and the amount and dosage prescribed; and
9. Respondent shall comply with the HORA (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01, *et seq.* (2016 Repl.)) and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia; and it is

ORDERED that if Respondent violates any term or condition of this Consent Order or is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a criminal offense other than a minor traffic violation, a notice of intent to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license may be issued and an administrative proceeding may be convened to impose sanctions authorized under D.C.

Official Code § 3-1205.14(c) (2016 Repl.), including a reprimand, suspension, probation, a revocation of Respondent's District of Columbia medical license, and a fine; and it is

ORDERED, that Respondent shall maintain a course of conduct in his practice of medicine commensurate with the requirements of all laws and regulations of the District of Columbia regarding the practice of medicine. Respondent shall comply with all laws, regulations, rules and policies of the District Columbia Board of Medicine; and it is

ORDERED that, after completion of five years of probation and with the recommendation of the MPHP, Respondent may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. The terms of this Consent Order will remain in effect until an order terminating it has been issued by the Board; and it is

ORDERED, that Respondent shall bear all costs and expenses in complying with this Consent Order; and it is

ORDERED, that this is a public document.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

7/25/18
Date


By: Andrea Anderson, M.D., FAAFP
Chair

AGREEMENT OF RESPONDENT

By signing this public consent order, I agree to accept and abide by its terms. I acknowledge its validity and acknowledge that I have agreed to the terms set forth in this agreement. I fully acknowledge that by signing this consent order, I am waiving my right to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling by the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By signing this settlement agreement, I waive all such rights.

I have had the opportunity to review this document and to seek the advice of my own legal counsel. I choose to sign this consent order willingly and without reservation and am fully aware of its meaning and effect.

7/23/18
Date



Victor M. Ibrahim, MD
License No.: MD037930

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23 day of July, 2018.



Notary Public

This Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and shall be distributed as appropriate.

