

Background

Dr. Laura Purdy (Respondent) has been licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia since June 14, 2022. Her license expires December 31, 2024. She reportedly is also licensed in all 50 states of the United States, but is physically located in Tennessee.

On May 18, 2023, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Mississippi Board) issued a Corrected Determination and Order that suspended her license for three (3) months, with an immediate suspension of the stay. Multiple other states have also taken disciplinary action against Respondent's medical licenses as reciprocal actions based on the Mississippi Board action. The Mississippi Board also ordered her to complete the PROBE Ethics and Boundaries Program offered by the Center for Personalized Education for Professionals (CPEP), and she was prohibited from practicing telemedicine for a short time. (*See* Attachment A, Corrected Determination and Order in the Matter of the License of: Laura Purdy, M.D., Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, May 18, 2023 ["Mississippi Order"], incorporated herein). Respondent has complied with the Mississippi Order.

The disciplinary action by the Mississippi Board occurred when it was discovered that Respondent had prescribed medications to at least three (3) patients in the state of Mississippi via telemedicine without audio or video contact. All patient encounters occurred via direct messaging, and according to Respondent, she only reviewed questionnaires completed by the patients prior to prescribing medications. "Other than the instant messages, [Respondent] testified that she does not ask any questions or engage in any relevant communication with patients to establish the physician/patient relationship needed to practice telemedicine in the state of Mississippi." (Att. A, p. 3).

The Mississippi Board found that Respondent was “guilty of failing to establish a valid physician patient relationship and utilizing a questionnaire in lieu of a physical examination” in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13). The Mississippi Board also found Respondent “guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes but is not limited to, being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a).” *Id.* at 4.

The Board considered the Mississippi Order, and numerous other state orders of reciprocal disciplinary action based on the Mississippi Order, at its meeting on Nov. 2, 2023. The Board voted to take reciprocal disciplinary action against Respondent’s District of Columbia medical license. Respondent and the Board now agree to enter into this Consent Order.

Conclusions of Law

The D.C. Board is authorized, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3), to take reciprocal action when a respondent has been disciplined by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for Board action. In pertinent part, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3) states:

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...against any person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who **is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority...of any jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section.** (emphasis added)

Under the D.C. Official Code, a physician licensed in the District must conform to all D.C. and federal laws and regulations related to the practice of a health profession. See D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.14(a)(25). Respondent’s practice violated 17 DCMR § 4618.4:

If a physician-patient relationship does not include a prior in-person interaction with a patient, the physician may use real-time telemedicine to allow a free exchange of protected health information between the patient and the physician to establish the physician-patient relationship and perform the patient evaluation.

A physician licensed in the District of Columbia must also conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession or be subject to disciplinary action. *See* D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.14(a)(26). Respondent's conduct in Mississippi did not conform to the standards of acceptable conduct in the practice of medicine such as to constitute a violation of D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14(a)(26) had that conduct occurred in the District of Columbia.

Accordingly, Respondent's conduct has provided the Board with a basis in law and fact to take action against Respondent under the authority of D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.14(a)(3), (25) and (26).

ORDER

Based on the forgoing, it is by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine hereby, **ORDERED**, that Respondent's license is **SUSPENDED** for a period of three (3) months with the suspension **STAYED** immediately unless Respondent violates this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the District of Columbia, while within its jurisdiction;

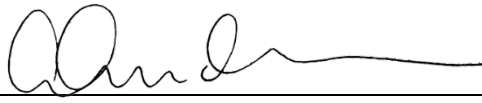
ORDERED, that if Respondent fails to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of this Consent Order the Board may issue a notice of intent to take additional formal disciplinary action against Respondent's license; and

ORDERED, that this is a public document.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

October 28, 2025

Date



By: Andrea Anderson, MD, MEd, FAAFP
Chairperson

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.

12/15/2023
Date

Rep

Laura Purdy, M.D.
License No.: MD20000025

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of December, 2023.



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Notary Public

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



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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF:
LAURA PURDY, M.D.**

CORRECTED DETERMINATION AND ORDER

THIS MATTER came before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (hereinafter "Board") in Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, on May 18, 2023, pursuant to a Summons and Affidavit issued to Laura Purdy, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"). A hearing was conducted on May 18, 2023.

At the hearing, Board Counsel Paul Barnes, Esq. presented the charges set forth in the Affidavit. Licensee, having been served with the Summons and being fully informed of her rights to a formal hearing before the Board, was present and represented by Johnny Chapman, Esq. Alexis Morris, Esq., Special Assistant Attorney General, served as Administrative Hearing Officer, presided at the hearing and was directed to prepare the Board's written decision in accordance with its deliberations.

Board members present for the proceedings were David McClendon, M.D.; Ken Lippincott, M.D.; Thomas Joiner, M.D.; Kirk Kinard, D.O.; Allen Gersh, M.D.; Roderick Givens, M.D.; and William Eugene Loper, III, M.D. The Consumer member

present was Koomarie “Shoba” Gaymes. Accordingly, a quorum of the Board members was present throughout the hearing and deliberation in this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is established pursuant to the Mississippi State Board Medical Licensure Act, Title 73, Chapter 43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended, and is charged with the duty of licensing and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Mississippi pursuant to Title 73, Chapter 25 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 as amended.
2. Sections 73-25-29, 73-25-83 and 73-25-87 of the Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) as amended provide that the Board may revoke or suspend a license or take any other actions as deemed necessary if a license has violated any provisions therein.
3. All parties have been properly noticed of the matter now pending.
4. Laura Purdy, M.D., hereby referred to as “Licensee,” currently holds Mississippi Medical License Number 25959, and said number is valid until June 30, 2023.
5. Licensee is licensed to practice medicine in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.
6. On or about May 23, 2022, the Board received a complaint from a physician alleging that Licensee was prescribing medications such as Ozempic via telehealth with no audio and or video contact with at least one (1) patient. It

was also alleged that side effects of those drugs were not discussed with the patient prior to prescribing.

7. During the Board's investigation, it was discovered that Licensee was also prescribing medications to at least two (2) other patients in the State of Mississippi. The investigation found that that all patient encounters were conducted via instant messages through a phone application and website called "Push Health."
8. Communication for all patient encounters was conducted via instant messages on the website "Push Health." *See* MSB 000036-MSB 000043 and MSB 000054-000055.
9. Licensee testified that she only reviewed questionnaires completed by patients when they registered for "Push Health" prior to prescribing medication. Other than the instant messages, Licensee testified that she does not ask any questions or engage in any relevant communication with patients to establish the physician/patient relationship needed to practice telemedicine in the state of Mississippi.
10. Licensee did not contest **Count I** of the Affidavit; however, she testified that she did not willfully violate the Board's Administrative Code, Title 30, Part 2635, Rules 5.4 and 5.5.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter under Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29 and 73-25-83(a). Venue is likewise properly placed before the Board to hear this

matter in Hinds County, Mississippi.

2. These proceedings were duly and properly convened, and all substantive and procedural requirements under law have been satisfied. This matter is, therefore, properly before the Board.
3. The Board is authorized to license and regulate persons who apply for or hold medical licenses and prescribe conditions under which persons may practice to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
4. The Board made certain amendments to the regulations in Part 2635, Chapter 5: Practice of Telemedicine, effective July 26, 2022. The violations of the Board's Administrative Code by Licensee occurred prior to July 26, 2022, which required that Licensee be charged under the old version(s) of the applicable regulations, and the old version(s) were cited in the Affidavit.
5. Based on the evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is guilty of **Count I** of the Affidavit, that is guilty of failing to establish a valid physician patient relationship and utilizing a questionnaire in lieu of a physical examination, all in violation of Miss Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13).
6. Based on the evidence and testimony presented, Licensee is guilty of **Count II** of the Affidavit, that is, guilty of unprofessional conduct, which includes but is not limited to, being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a).

Based upon the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board finds the following order to be appropriate under the circumstances.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Mississippi Medical license No. 25959, issued to Laura Purdy, M.D. is hereby suspended for three (“3”) months—with the suspension immediately stayed.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee shall successfully complete the PROBE course offered by CPEP and provide confirmation of completion to the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine via telehealth in the state of Mississippi until June 17, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Licensee must report to the Board for review of her current telehealth standard operating procedures prior to returning to practicing telehealth in the state of Mississippi.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-27, that a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Laura Purdy, M.D.

SO ORDERED, this the 18th day of May 2023.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE

BY: 
WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, JR., M.D.,
PRESIDENT