

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN  
LAURA E. PURDY, M.D.  
AND  
THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO  
CASE NO. 23-CRF-0185**

This Consent Agreement is entered into by and between Laura E. Purdy, M.D., [Dr. Purdy], and the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board], a state agency charged with enforcing Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code.

Dr. Purdy enters into this Consent Agreement being fully informed of her rights under Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, including the right to representation by counsel and the right to a formal adjudicative hearing on the issues considered herein.

**BASIS FOR ACTION**

This Consent Agreement is entered into on the basis of the following stipulations, admissions and understandings:

- A. The Board is empowered by Section 4731.22(B), Ohio Revised Code, to limit, revoke, suspend a certificate, refuse to register or reinstate an applicant, or reprimand or place on probation the holder of a certificate for violation of Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code, for: "Any of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand," in violation of Ohio Revised Code Section 4731.22(B)(22).
- B. The Board enters into this Consent Agreement in lieu of further formal proceedings based upon the allegations set forth in the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing issued on September 13, 2023, attached hereto as Exhibit A, and incorporated herein by reference. The Board expressly reserves the right to institute additional formal proceedings based upon any other violations of Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code, whether occurring before or after the effective date of this Consent Agreement.
- C. Dr. Purdy is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio, license number 35.133756.
- D. Dr. Purdy states that she is licensed to practice medicine and surgery in all 50 states including the District of Columbia.
- E. Dr. Purdy admits to the factual and legal allegations set forth in the aforementioned Notice of Opportunity for Hearing dated September 13, 2023.

### **AGREED CONDITIONS**

Wherefore, in consideration of the foregoing and mutual promises hereinafter set forth, and in lieu of any formal proceedings at this time, Dr. Purdy knowingly and voluntarily agrees with the Board to the following terms, conditions and limitations:

#### **REPRIMAND**

1. Dr. Purdy is hereby REPRIMANDED.

#### **REQUIRED REPORTING BY LICENSEE**

2. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to all employers or entities with which she is under contract to provide health care services (including but not limited to third party payors) or is receiving training, and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where she has privileges or appointments. Further, Dr. Purdy shall promptly provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to all employers or entities with which she contracts to provide health care services, or applies for or receives training, and the Chief of Staff at each hospital where she applies for or obtains privileges or appointments. In the event that Dr. Purdy provides any health care services or health care direction or medical oversight to any emergency medical services organization or emergency medical services provider, within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement Dr. Purdy shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Medical Services. Further, within thirty days of the date of each such notification, Dr. Purdy shall provide documentation acceptable to the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Board demonstrating that the required notification has occurred.
3. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement by certified mail to the proper licensing authority of any state or jurisdiction in which she currently holds any professional license, as well as any federal agency or entity, including but not limited to the Drug Enforcement Agency, through which she currently holds any license or certificate. Dr. Purdy further agrees to provide a copy of this Consent Agreement by certified mail at time of application to the proper licensing authority of any state in which she applies for any professional license or for reinstatement of any professional license. Additionally, within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy shall provide a copy of this Consent Agreement to any specialty or subspecialty board of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the American Osteopathic Association Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists under which he currently holds or has previously held certification. Further, within thirty days of the date of each such notification, Dr. Purdy shall provide documentation acceptable to the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Board demonstrating that the required notification has occurred.
4. Dr. Purdy shall notify the Board in writing of any change of principal practice address or residence address within thirty days of such change.

#### **MONETARY FINE:**

5. Within thirty days of the effective date of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy shall remit payment in full of a monetary fine of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00). Such payment shall be made in full via credit card in the manner specified by the Board through its online portal, or by other manner as specified by the Board. Further, Dr. Purdy acknowledges and agrees that her failure to timely remit full payment shall constitute a violation of this agreement and agrees to pay all reasonable costs associated with the collection of any payment.

#### **FAILURE TO COMPLY**

If, in the discretion of the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Board, Dr. Purdy appears to have violated or breached any term or condition of this Consent Agreement, the Board reserves the right to institute formal disciplinary proceedings for any and all possible violations or breaches, including, but not limited to, alleged violations of the laws of Ohio occurring before the effective date of this Consent Agreement.

If the Secretary and Supervising Member of the Board determine that there is clear and convincing evidence that Dr. Purdy has violated any term, condition or limitation of this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy agrees that the violation, as alleged, also constitutes clear and convincing evidence that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public for purposes of initiating a summary suspension pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code.

#### **DURATION/MODIFICATION OF TERMS**

The reprimand of Dr. Purdy shall not terminate. Otherwise, the above-described terms, limitations and conditions may be amended or terminated in writing at any time upon the agreement of both parties.

In the event that the Board initiates future formal proceedings against Dr. Purdy, including but not limited to issuance of a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing, this Consent Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until such time that it is superseded by ratification by the Board of a subsequent Consent Agreement or upon this Consent Agreement being superseded by a subsequent final Board Order taking effect.

In the event that any term, limitation, or condition contained in this Consent Agreement is determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, Dr. Purdy and the Board agree that all other terms, limitations, and conditions contained in this Consent Agreement shall be unaffected.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/LIABILITY RELEASE

By executing his signature on this Consent Agreement, Dr. Purdy agrees that in the event the Board, in its discretion, does not ratify this Consent Agreement, this settlement offer is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon or introduced in any disciplinary action or appeal by either party. Dr. Purdy and the Board further agree that if this Consent Agreement is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding and shall not prejudice the ability of the Board to adjudicate this matter.

This Consent Agreement represents the sole and entire agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior written or oral negotiations, agreements, or understandings between the parties. No party to this agreement has been induced to enter into the Consent Agreement by any representations or inducements except those expressly set forth in this written agreement. Further, all parties agree that to the extent any language in the agreement will be interpreted in a subsequent dispute, no ambiguous language shall be construed against the party drafting this Consent Agreement.

Dr. Purdy acknowledges that she has had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this Consent Agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

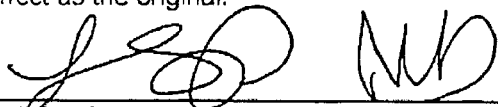
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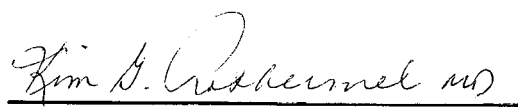
Dr. Purdy hereby releases the Board, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

This Consent Agreement shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code. Further, this information may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies. Dr. Purdy acknowledges that her social security number will be used if this information is so reported and agrees to provide her social security number to the Board for such purposes.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

It is expressly understood that this Consent Agreement is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Secretary and Supervising Member and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below. Further, Dr. Purdy specifically acknowledges that the electronic transmission of a scanned or photostatic copy of any executed signature to this Consent Agreement, upon being received by the Board, shall be deemed to have the full legal force and effect as the original.

  
LAURA E. PURDY, M.D.

  
KIM G. ROTHERMEL, M.D.  
Secretary

2-21-24  
DATE

3-13-24  
DATE



ALEXANDER VON ELTON, ESQ.  
Counsel for Dr. Purdy



HARISH KAKARALA, M.D.  
Supervising Member

March 6, 2024

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Assistant Attorney General

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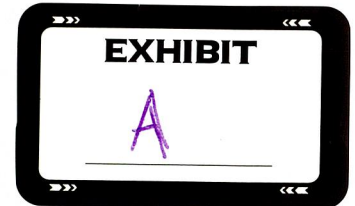
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September 13, 2023

Case number: 23-CRF-0185

Laura E. Purdy, M.D.  
6757 Walnut Hills Dr  
Brentwood, TN 37027-7812



Dear Doctor Purdy:

In accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) On or about May 18, 2023, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure [Mississippi Board] issued a Determination and Order [Mississippi Order] whereby your license was suspended for three months. According to the Mississippi Order, you "failed 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). Further, according to the Mississippi Order, you engaged in "unprofessional, ...dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public," in violation of Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-29(8)(d) and 73-25-83(a). A copy of the Mississippi Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein.
- (2) On or about July 5, 2023, the Virginia Department of Health Professions [Virginia Board] issued an Order of Mandatory Suspension [Virginia Order] against your license. According to the Virginia Order, this action was taken based on the Mississippi Order as mentioned in Paragraph 1. A copy of the Virginia Order is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

The Orders as alleged in paragraphs (1) and (2) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "[a]ny of the following actions taken by an agency responsible for authorizing, certifying, or regulating an individual to practice a health care occupation or provide health care services in this state or another jurisdiction, for any reason other than the nonpayment of fees: the limitation, revocation, or suspension of an individual's license to practice; acceptance of an individual's license surrender; denial of a license; refusal to renew or reinstate a license; imposition of probation; or issuance of an order of censure or other reprimand," as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(22), Ohio Revised Code.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after September 29, 2015, the Board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to

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Section 4731.225, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4731.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice.

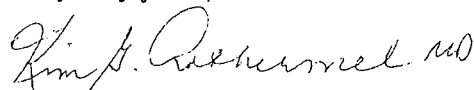
You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of mailing of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or certificate to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or certificate to practice, refuses to renew an individual's license or certificate to practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for issuance of a new license or certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,



Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

KGR/TSL/lv  
Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL # 94148140903152968030469  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

cc:

Alexander von Elten, Esq.  
4701 Cox Road, Suite 400  
Glen Allen, VA 23060

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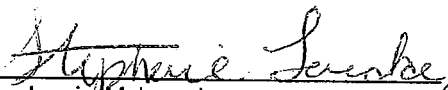


**CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the attached document(s) in the matter of Laura Purdy, M.D. are true and complete copies of the following documents as they appear in the Enforcement and Investigative records of the State Medical Board of Ohio:

- Nine printed pages of an Order of Mandatory Suspension issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Public Health Professions against Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D.
- Five printed pages of a Determination and Order issued by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure against Laura Purdy, M.D.
- Six printed pages of a Corrected Determination and Order issued by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure against Laura Purdy, M.D.

This certification is made by authority of the State Medical Board and on its behalf.

  
Stephanie M. Loucka  
Executive Director

8-24-23  
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Date

BOARD SEAL



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

*Department of Health Professions*

Perimeter Center

9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300  
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463

www.dhp.virginia.gov  
PHONE (804) 367- 4400

Arne W. Owens  
Director

July 5, 2023

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 7/5/23

Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D.  
6757 Walnut Hills Drive  
Brentwood, TN 37027

**RE: License Number: 0101-263585  
Case Number: 230222**

Dear Laura Ellen Purdy:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered July 5, 2023. You are hereby advised that you may not practice medicine or hold yourself out as a licensed physician unless and until the Board of Medicine ("Board") has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return all copies of your license in your possession to the Board immediately.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license at any time, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing before the Board. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. You may contact Tamika Hines at (804) 367-4513 to obtain the reinstatement application.

Additional information regarding this mandatory suspension may be found at [www.dhp.virginia.gov/PractitionerResources/MandatorySuspensionFAQ](http://www.dhp.virginia.gov/PractitionerResources/MandatorySuspensionFAQ). If you have any further questions, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or [anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov](mailto:anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov).

Sincerely,

Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant  
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine  
Ashley Carter, Director, Prescription Monitoring Program

Enclosures

Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology – Board of Counseling – Board of Dentistry – Board of Funeral Directors & Embalmers  
Board of Long-Term Care Administrators – Board of Medicine – Board of Nursing – Board of Optometry – Board of Pharmacy  
Board of Physical Therapy – Board of Psychology – Board of Social Work – Board of Veterinary Medicine – Board of Health Professions

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE:        LAURA ELLEN PURDY, M.D.**  
**License Number:    0101-263585**  
**Case Number:        230222**

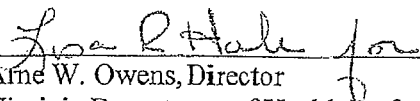
**ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION**

In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, the Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions received evidence that the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure suspended the license of Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi. A copy of the Corrected Determination and Order of the Mississippi Board is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

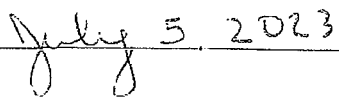
WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., will be recorded as suspended. Should Dr. Purdy seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

  
Arne W. Owens, Director  
Virginia Department of Health Professions

ENTERED:

  
July 5, 2023

### **CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS**

As Director of the Department of Health Professions, I hereby certify that the attached Corrected Determination and Order entered May 18, 2023, regarding Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D., is a true copy of the records received from the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

Lisa R. Hahn for  
Arne W. Owens

July 5, 2023  
Date



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

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

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**CORRECTED DETERMINATION AND ORDER**

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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).
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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. McCleendon, Jr.  
WILLIAM D. MCCLENDON, JR., M.D.,  
PRESIDENT

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**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE  
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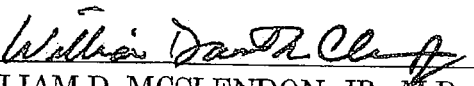
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September 13, 2023

Case number: 23-CRF-0185

Laura E. Purdy, M.D.  
6757 Walnut Hills Dr  
Brentwood, TN 37027-7812

Dear Doctor Purdy:

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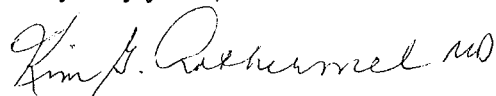
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Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kim G. Rothermel", followed by a small circular mark.

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.  
Secretary

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Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL # 94148140903152968030469  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

cc:

Alexander von Elten, Esq.  
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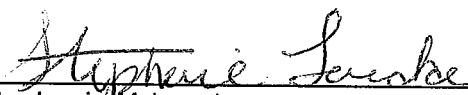


**CERTIFICATION**

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This certification is made by authority of the State Medical Board and on its behalf.

  
Stephanie M. Loucka  
Executive Director

8-24-23  
Date

BOARD SEAL



# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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July 5, 2023

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 7/5/23

Laura Ellen Purdy, M.D.  
6757 Walnut Hills Drive  
Brentwood, TN 37027

**RE: License Number: 0101-263585**  
**Case Number: 230222**

Dear Laura Ellen Purdy:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered July 5, 2023. You are hereby advised that you may not practice medicine or hold yourself out as a licensed physician unless and until the Board of Medicine ("Board") has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return all copies of your license in your possession to the Board immediately.

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Sincerely,

Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant  
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: William L. Harp, M.D., Executive Director, Virginia Board of Medicine  
Ashley Carter, Director, Prescription Monitoring Program

Enclosures

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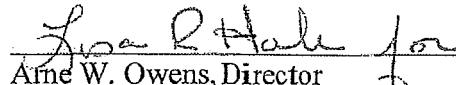
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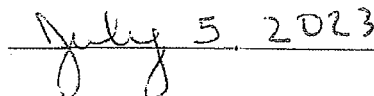
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Arne W. Owens, Director  
Virginia Department of Health Professions

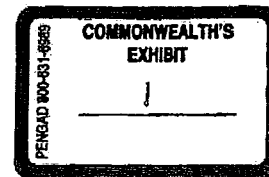
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Lisa R. Hahn for                      July 5, 2023                      Date  
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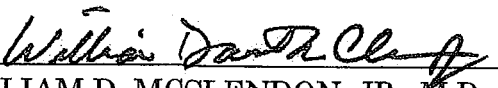
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine via telehealth in the state of Mississippi until June 17, 2023.

**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

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

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

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**CORRECTED DETERMINATION AND ORDER**

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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**

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

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