# IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.	
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD	
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE	
AND SUPERVISION,	
Plaintiff,	

v.

ALEXANDAR JOVANOVICH, M.D., LICENSE NO. MD 33275,

Defendant.

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 20-11-5943

# ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board"), by and through the undersigned counsel for the Plaintiff, as represented by the Secretary of the Board, Billy H. Stout, M.D., and the Executive Director of the Board, Lyle Kelsey, along with Alexandar Jovanovich M.D. ("Defendant"), Oklahoma medical license no. 33275, who appears via video teleconference with, and through counsel Mark Bina of Quarles & Brady, LLP. (collectively, the "Parties"), and offer this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction (herein, "Order" or "Agreement") for acceptance by the Board. Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.1.

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Defendant admits to the allegations herein contained and further acknowledges that a hearing before the Board could result in some sanction under the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act ("Act"). 59 O.S. § 480, *et seq.* 

Defendant, Alexandar Jovanovich M.D., states that he is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that he fully recognizes his right to appear before the Board for an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against him. Defendant hereby voluntarily waives his right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Defendant acknowledges that he has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein, and that this Agreement may be reviewed and discussed with him by legal counsel prior to execution.

If the Board does not accept this Order, the Parties stipulate that it shall be regarded as null and void. Admissions by Defendant herein, if any, shall not be regarded as evidence against him in a subsequent disciplinary hearing. Defendant will be free to defend himself and no inferences

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will be made from his willingness to have this Order accepted by the Board. The Parties stipulate that neither the presentation of this Order nor the Board's consideration of this Order shall be deemed to have unfairly or illegally prejudiced the Board or its individual members and, therefore, shall not be grounds for precluding the Board nor any individual Board member from further participation in proceedings related to the matters set forth herein.

#### **Findings of Fact**

The Plaintiff, Defendant, and the Board staff each stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. In Oklahoma, Defendant holds medical license no. 33275, originally issued December 1, 2017.
- 2. On March 18, 2021, a Verified Complaint ("2019 Complaint") and Citation were each filed by the Board. Defendant was served on March 30, 2021 by process server.
- 3. On September 23, 2020, The Iowa Board of medicine notified the Oklahoma Medical Board of action taken against Defendant concerning his practice of telemedicine. Defendant self-reported the same information to the Oklahoma Medical Board on September 30, 2020.
- 4. On October 21, 2020, Board Investigator Carter contacted the Iowa Board of Medicine to request a copy of their investigative materials. Through those materials it was discovered that Defendant's telemedicine practice involved a medication which is a compounded equivalent to Viagra which requires a prescription but is not listed as a CDS. Defendant was based in the state of Illinois and was charged by the Iowa Board of Medicine with prescribing this medication to people with whom he had never established a valid doctor-patient relationship. Such a doctor-patient relationship is required in Oklahoma.
- 5. Defendant entered into a settlement agreement regarding the allegations against him by the Iowa Board of Medicine in which he was cited for violating the standards of practice for telemedicine in Iowa, received a \$5,000 fine and was required to develop procedures to ensure he complies with the Iowa telemedicine requirements and provide proof of the same to the Iowa Board of Medicine.

### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. Based on the foregoing, the Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
  - a. Disciplinary action of another state or jurisdiction against a license or other authorization to practice medicine and surgery based upon acts of conduct by the licensee similar to acts or conduct that would constitute grounds for action as defined in this section, a certified copy of the record of the action taken by the other state or jurisdiction being conclusive thereof in violation of OAC 435:10-7-4(31): Orders

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

- 1. The Board hereby adopts the Agreement of the Parties in this Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law stated herein.
- 2. ALEXANDAR JOVANOVICH M.D., Oklahoma medical license no. 33275, is formally REPRIMANDED.
- 3. **ALEXANDAR JOVANOVICH M.D.**, will appear before the board prior to engaging in telemedicine in the future to ensure that he is well versed in the state statutes on such practice.
- 4. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
- 5. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

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Dated this <u>6</u> day of <u>Jucy</u>, 2021.

Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

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This instrument was acknowledged before me on the <u>17</u> day of <u>June</u>

2021 , by Alexandar Jovanovich.

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Notary Public Commission Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_\_ 24, 2023

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# **Certificate of Service**

This is to certify that on the 1<sup>th</sup> day of 2021, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

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