

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
 )  
Ogochukwu Chizoba Okpala, M.D., ) NON-DISCIPLINARY  
 ) CONSENT ORDER  
 )  
Applicant. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on the application of Ogochukwu Chizoba Okpala, M.D. ("Dr. Okpala") for reinstatement of her medical license. Dr. Okpala makes the following admissions, and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Okpala has applied for reinstatement of her license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

Dr. Okpala has not practiced medicine in North Carolina since September 2022.

Dr. Okpala was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about December 16, 2013, license number 2013-02426.

On July 25, 2022, Dr. Okpala entered into a Consent Order with the Board ("July 2022 Consent Order") in which her license was indefinitely suspended effective September 30, 2022.

The July 2022 Consent Order, the details of which are contained therein, resulted from Dr. Okpala having an intimate relationship with her patient's husband.

As a result of the Board's July 2022 Consent Order, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure ("Kentucky Board") issued a reciprocal disciplinary action against Dr. Okpala's license. Specifically, on August 22, 2022, Dr. Okpala entered into an Agreed Order with the Kentucky Board in which her medical license was restricted/limited for an indefinite period of time.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Okpala acknowledges that her conduct, as described above, constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), including, but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession, or the committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, which is grounds under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Okpala's license to

practice medicine or to deny any application she might make in the future.

#### PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Okpala acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over her and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Okpala knowingly waives her right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case.

Dr. Okpala, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that she has read and understands this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily.

Dr. Okpala desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that the facts and circumstances of this case do not warrant or require a restriction or limitation to be placed on Dr. Okpala's license and that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

#### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Okpala's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. The Board shall reinstate Dr. Okpala's license to practice medicine.

2. Dr. Okpala shall obey all laws. Likewise, she shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

3. Dr. Okpala shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

4. Upon request, Dr. Okpala shall provide the Board with any information the Board deems necessary to verify compliance with the terms and conditions of this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order.

5. If Dr. Okpala fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke her license to practice medicine and to deny any application she might make in the future or then have pending for a license to practice medicine.

6. This Non-Disciplinary Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Okpala and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

7. Dr. Okpala hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order be served on her.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Okpala and the Board, this Non-Disciplinary Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and

shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies, and clearinghouses as required and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 8th day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:



Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D., Ph.D.  
President

Consented to this the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of AUGUST, 2023.

[Signature]  
Ogochukwu Chizoba Okpala, M.D.

State of GEORGIA

County of FULTON

I, H. L. HEMANS, do hereby certify that Ogochukwu Chizoba Okpala, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2023.

[Signature]  
Notary Public

**H L HEMANS**  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Gwinnett County  
State of Georgia  
My Comm. Expires Dec. 15, 2026

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: 12/15/2026

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