COLORADO
Department of Regulatory Agencies
Division of Professions and Occupations

March 25, 2024

Andrew Michael Epstein, D.O.
[redacted]
Email Address: [redacted]

Re: License Number: DR.0063077
Case Number: 2024-666-A

Dear Dr. Epstein,

The Colorado Medical Board has concluded its inquiry into the aforementioned matter. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your professional license. However, the Panel did determine disciplinary action in the form of this letter of admonition is warranted.

As you recall, on January 4, 2024, by Consent Order, the North Carolina Medical Board entered discipline against your license to practice medicine as a result of your conduct as a licensed physician in that state that failed to meet generally accepted standards of medical practice for multiple patients. Your substandard medical care included substandard prescribing of ketamine via a telemedicine platform between February 2023 and June 2023. You failed to conduct urine drug screens and thorough physical examinations before prescribing ketamine, and you failed to ensure that, once ketamine was prescribed, clear protocols were in place for patient monitoring, follow-up visits and assessments for side effects, adverse reactions, and patient misuse of ketamine.

After consideration of the information in this case, the Panel finds that you committed unprofessional conduct in violation of section 12-240-121(4) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, the discipline of your license to practice medicine in another state, to wit: North Carolina, constitutes unprofessional conduct in Colorado, as the North Carolina discipline is based upon an act or omission in that state that is defined substantially the same as unprofessional conduct pursuant to section 12-240-121(1), C.R.S.

By this letter, the Board takes the formal disciplinary action of admonishing you for the conduct specified above, and warns you that repetition of such practice may lead to imposition of more severe disciplinary action. This letter is an open public record and a reportable action to individuals or entities requesting disciplinary information. The Board strongly encourages you to review and understand the Medical Practice Act requirements and obligations for the practice of medicine in Colorado.

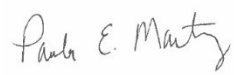
In accordance with 12-20-404(4)(b), the Board advises you that you have the right to make a written request that the Board initiate formal disciplinary proceedings in order to adjudicate the conduct or acts upon which this letter is based. You must make your written request within twenty (20) days after receipt of this letter and address your request to Paula Martinez, Program Director at paula.martinez@state.co.us. If you make a timely request, the Board will deem this letter of admonition vacated and may proceed with disciplinary and/or injunctive proceedings in accordance with 12-20-404(4)(b)(II), C.R.S., and applicable rules.

A Letter of Admonition, when accepted, becomes a permanent, public portion of your record. It is not, however, a restriction on your practice as a professional physician.

If you have further questions or concerns, please visit our website at https://www.colorado.gov/dora/dpo or you can contact our office at dora_medicalboard@state.co.us or by calling (303) 894-7716.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM INQUIRY PANEL A



Paula E. Martinez
Program Director

cc: Larry Katz, Esq.