North Carolina Medical Board

Christine M. Khandelwal, DO, MHPE: President | Devdutta G. Sangvai, MD, MBA: President-Elect | Anuradha Rao-Patel, MD: Secretary/Treasurer

April 12, 2024

James Benjamin Thomas, Jr., D.O.
[redacted]

Dear Dr. Thomas:

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has decided to issue you a medical license. However, as a result of information reviewed while evaluating your license application, the Board has also decided to issue you a public letter of concern and impose a $2,500.00 administrative fine. The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your license.

The Board is concerned that you failed to disclose six malpractice cases in the Malpractice Data section of your license application. In addition, you failed to disclose a 2008 Alabama State Board of Medical Examiners' ("Alabama Board") investigation.

The Board acknowledges that you subsequently provided information to the Board regarding both the Alabama Board matter and the malpractices cases, one of which recently settled in 2020. The failure to disclose these matters incurs additional staff time and resources to evaluate and process the application and further runs the risk that the Board may issue a license without accurate information. Therefore, the Board has an interest in making sure that applicants ensure the accuracy and completeness of an application before submitting it to the Board. Furthermore, please be advised that the use of a third-party licensing service to assist with an application does not relieve the applicant of the duty to verify the application's accuracy.

The Board cautions you that you have a duty to answer all of its questions with full candor and accuracy and urges you to devote careful attention to detail in your future interactions with this Board. If the Board receives reports of similar conduct in the future, it may consider such conduct and all other relevant facts in deciding whether to take additional action against your license. Furthermore, if the Board takes additional action against your license, this matter may be included.

The Board urges you to take steps to ensure the conduct giving rise to the Board's concerns does not happen again. Otherwise, the Board may take additional action against your North Carolina license to practice medicine. If that happens, this letter may be reviewed in determining the appropriate action.

This letter is a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and is subject to public inspection and dissemination as required by that law. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards, and it may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank if required by law.

Sincerely,

Christine Khandelwal, DO

Christine M. Khandelwal, D.O., MHPE
President

CMK/MJ/bgs

Consent and Waiver

I, James Benjamin Thomas, Jr., D.O., would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings and consent to the Board's issuance of this public letter of concern in resolution of the above matter. I hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this public letter of concern be served on me.

Consented to this the 3 day of April, 2024.

James Benjamin Thomas, Jr., D.O.

State of Alabama

County of Tallapoosa

I, Judy Wood, do hereby certify that James Benjamin Thomas, Jr., D.O. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 3 day of April, 2024.

Judy Wood
Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: JUDY WOOD My Commission Expires September 21, 2024