North Carolina Medical Board

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July 1, 2024

John Sawyer Edwards, III, PA-C
Womack Army Medical Center
2817 Reilly Road
Fort Bragg, NC 28310

Dear Mr. Edwards:

The North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has concluded its investigation related to the action taken against your Washington physician assistant license by the Washington Medical Commission ("Washington Board"). It is the Board's decision not to commence formal proceedings against your North Carolina physician license at this time. However, the Board voted to issue you this public letter of concern. The Board does not consider a public letter of concern to be a disciplinary action or a limitation or restriction on your North Carolina physician assistant license.

The Board is concerned that on January 11, 2024, you entered into a Stipulation to Informal Disposition with the Washington Board in which you were required to complete a continuing medical education ("CME") course on boundaries and ethics and were also assessed a $1,000.00 fine. This action was based on you asking an inappropriate question regarding a patient's tongue piercing during a strep throat examination.

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 public letter of concern 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/DTB/pls

Consent and Waiver

I, John Sawyer Edwards, III, PA-C, 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 agree not to contest the matters set forth herein in this case and any potential future proceeding involving the Board. I hereby waive any requirement under any law or rule that this public letter of concern be served on me.

Consented to this the 29 day of June, 2024.

John Sawyer Edwards, III, PA-C

State of Washington

County of Grant

I, Angela Olsen, do hereby certify that John Sawyer Edwards, III, PA-C, personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal this the 29th day of June, 2024.

Notary Public

(Official Seal)

My Commission Expires: Sept. 27, 2027

NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF WASHINGTON
ANGELA OLSEN
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
SEPTEMBER 27, 2027
COMMISSION # 24002104