



North Carolina Medical Board

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June 2, 2022

Via Attorney of Record

Shelton Philip Hager, M.D.
Holston Medical Group
105 W Stone Drive, Suite 3A
Kingsport, TN 37660

Dear Dr. Hager:

The North Carolina Medical Board (“Board”) has concluded its investigation related to the action taken against your Tennessee medical license by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners (“TN Board”) that resulted in you entering into a Consent Order with the TN Board on January 25, 2022. It is the Board’s decision not to commence formal proceedings against your North Carolina medical 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 medical license, which is currently inactive.

The Board notes that you are a family medicine physician with specialty certification and have practiced for the past several years in a community that has experienced a shortage of pain management specialists. As a result, you have treated patients for chronic pain management in the past. The Board is concerned that the TN Board investigated your medical practice and reviewed medical records of patients that you provided chronic pain management care to from January 2018 to September 2020.

The TN Board had concerns related to your chronic pain management, controlled substance prescribing and documentation. As a result, you entered into a Consent Order with the TN Board on January 25, 2022, that did the following:

1. Your TN medical license was placed on probation for a minimum of one year.
2. You were restricted from prescribing carisoprodol.
3. You were restricted from prescribing opioids and collaborating with nurse practitioners and physician assistants who prescribe opioids for a least six months.
4. You were required to obtain practice monitoring and medial record review through an approved organization for a minimum of two years.
5. You were required to complete continuing medical education courses related to prescribing controlled substances and medical record documentation.
6. You were assessed a fine of \$3,000 as well as costs.

The Board notes that your North Carolina medical license became inactive on December 10, 2021. As you know, you can apply for reinstatement at any time. Please be advised that, should you seek reinstatement of this license in the future, this matter will be considered.

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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.

Sincerely,



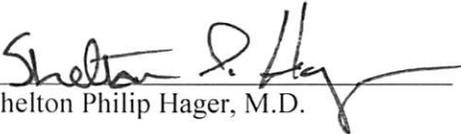
John W. Rusher, M.D., J.D.
President

JWR/PFB/wl

Consent and Waiver

I, Shelton Philip Hager, M.D., 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 2 day of June, 2022.


Shelton Philip Hager, M.D.

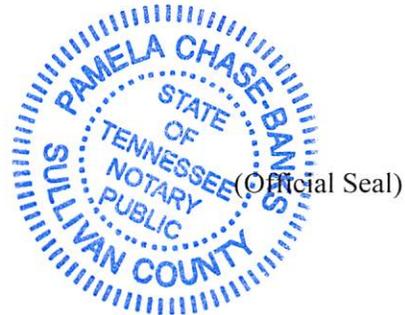
State of TN

County of Sullivan

I, Pamela Chase Banks, do hereby certify that Shelton Philip Hager, 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 2 day of June, 2022.


Notary Public



My Commission Expires: Feb 25, 2025