November 4, 2024

Via Attorney of Record

Orrin Abraham Walker, M.D.
[redacted]

Dear Dr. Walker:

This is to inform you that the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") has DENIED your application for a North Carolina medical license pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes §§ 90-14(a)(5), (a)(6), (a)(7), (a)(11a), and (a)(13). The Board's decision to deny your application for a license is based on the following:

FACTS

1. On March 10, 2014, you inactivated your North Carolina medical license during an ongoing investigation.

2. On July 16, 2014, you surrendered your Drug Enforcement Administration privileges based on your misuse to illegally obtain controlled substances for personal use.

3. On August 8, 2014, you entered into a Consent Order with the Board ("2014 Consent Order"), the details of which are contained therein, in which your North Carolina license was indefinitely suspended. The 2014 Consent Order concluded that your fraudulent diversion and use of controlled substances constituted: (1) the violation of a law involving the practice of medicine; (2) unprofessional conduct by departure from or failure to conform to the ethics of the medical profession; and (3) the inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients when abusing medications.

4. On August 31, 2015, the South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners ("South Carolina Board") entered a Final Order ("2015 Final Order) in which your South Carolina medical license was indefinitely suspended based on the behavior described in the 2014 Consent Order.

5. On May 15, 2017, you were convicted of one felony count of trafficking schedule I substances in case number 14 CRS 1918 in Rowan County Superior Court.

6. On September 20, 2021, you entered into a five-year Recovery Monitoring Agreement with the North Carolina Professionals Health Program ("NCPHP"). The Monitoring Agreement stipulates you have been diagnosed with Opioid Use Disorder, Severe, and that your recovery will be monitored by NCPHP.

7. On May 11, 2024, you applied for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a) authorizes the Board to deny an application for licensure to any person who has been found to have committed any of the acts or conduct or for any of the reasons stated in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 90-14(a)(1) – (17).

ALLEGATIONS

The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that when abusing medications you are unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(5), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that you committed unprofessional conduct, 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, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

The 2014 Consent Order contains findings and conclusions by the Board that you violated a law involving the practice of medicine within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(7), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

The 2017 trafficking conviction constitutes a conviction of a felony within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(7), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

You have not actively practiced medicine for the two-year period immediately preceding the filing of your application to reinstate your suspended license previously issued by the Board within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(11a), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

The 2015 Consent Order and indefinite suspension executed by the South Carolina Board constitutes your license to practice medicine being restricted or acted against by the licensing authority of any jurisdiction within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(13), which is grounds for denial of your application for reinstatement of your North Carolina medical license.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO A HEARING

You are entitled to a formal hearing before the Board upon your request filed with or mailed by certified mail to the Chief Executive Officer of the Board at the address shown herein within ten (10) days after you receive this letter. You must state the reasons for your request. The Board shall, within twenty (20) days of receipt of your request, notify you of the time and place of this public hearing. The burden of satisfying the Board of your qualifications for licensure shall be upon you.

Additional information regarding the Board's hearing process, can be found on the Board's website at https://www.ncmedboard.org/resources-information/professional-resources/hearing-process or by using the following QR code:

The Board will communicate with you or your attorney per the requirements of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(i).

Sincerely,

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President

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