

**STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Steven Powell, M.D.

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Docket No. MPN 184-0823

**CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT**

NOW COME Steven Powell, M.D., and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Steven Powell, M.D. (“Respondent”) of Alpharetta, Georgia holds Vermont medical license number 042.0011400 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on July 11, 2007. Respondent is a physician.
2. Jurisdiction in these matters rests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“Board”), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1366, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

**Background**

3. Respondent disclosed that on or about April 26, 2023, he pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud in the United States District Court for the District of New Hampshire, Case No. 1:23-cr-00036-PB-1. Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
4. Based on the above concerns, and for the welfare of any potential patients, Respondent has determined that he shall voluntarily enter into this Cessation of Practice Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Board and shall immediately refrain temporarily from any and all practice of medicine until further order of the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice.

5. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 and 814, and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1365-66. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings, and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1365-66, so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.

6. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which is intended to serve as an interim means of affording Respondent the best possible opportunity to focus upon his personal circumstances while providing for the protection of the health and welfare of his patients.

#### **Cessation of Practice**

7. It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following his execution of this Agreement, from all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.

8. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, himself, family members, or others after execution of this Agreement.

9. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief from the terms and conditions of this Agreement, when Respondent's personal circumstances so warrant. Respondent

understands that if he desires to seek modification or relief, he must first present a written petition to the North Investigative Committee ("Committee") of the Board requesting such modification or relief. Respondent agrees and understands that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent's petition for modification or relief should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that, in order for a petition for relief or modification to be granted, the Board must approve his request for relief or modification and issue an Order to that effect.

#### **Express Provisions**

10. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board, that he shall:
  - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;
  - b. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members, or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and
  - c. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligations by further order of the Board.

#### **General Provisions**

11. Respondent assures and agrees that he shall provide his continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators.
12. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Respondent

makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.

13. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353, 1737, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by an order of the Board.

14. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Practice Cessation" upon approval by the Board.

15. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 7 above. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.

16. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

**SIGNATURES**

Dated at Nashville, Vermont, this 19 day of April, 2024.  
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Dawn Philibert  
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Chair, North Investigative Committee  
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Dated at Milton, GA, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2024.

[Signature]  
Steven Powell, M.D.

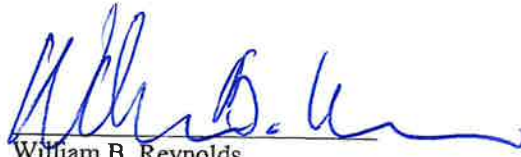
**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT ONLY:**

Dated at ~~San Jose~~ Irvine, California, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

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**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:**

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.



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**AS TO STEVEN POWELL, MD**

**APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

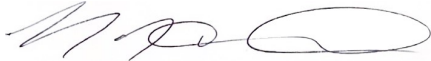
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**DATED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**AS TO STEVEN POWELL, MD  
APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice

**By:**   
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Rick Hildebrant, MD  
Chair  
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes,  
dated May 1, 2024.

**Dated:** 05/01/2024