STATE OF VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

In re: Rameen Hashemiyoon, MD

Docket No. MPS 012-0220

CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Rameen Hashemiyoon, MD, and the State of Vermont, by and through Vermont Attorney General Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., and the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, Megan Campbell, and agree and stipulate as follows:

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- Rameen Hashemiyoon, MD ("Respondent") holds Vermont medical license number 042.0014014 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on March 7, 2018. Respondent is a physician.
- Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice ("the Board"), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Background

3. Respondent was summarily suspended from his employment as a locum tenens physician at Central Vermont Medical Center in Berlin, Vermont on February 14, 2020. Investigations pertaining to the circumstances of his suspension are ongoing. To fully cooperate with the Board, Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and <u>immediately cease and desist</u> at this time from any and all practice of medicine in Vermont 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. The parties also agree that this cessation of practice agreement does not

constitute a disciplinary action pursuant to Vermont Board of Medical Practice Rules section 33.3.

- 4. 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. 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), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.
- 5. 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

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

7. 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, 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 South Investigative Committee ("the 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

- 8. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:
 - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;
 - b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to him by the Board as to his medical records, treatment records, evaluations or assessments, legal matters, and court proceedings;
 - c. <u>Cease and desist</u>, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine in Vermont, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and
 - d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.

General Provisions

9. Respondent assures and agrees that he shall provide his continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators. Respondent agrees that he shall execute any and all waivers

that may be required for the Board, its staff or agents to conduct its investigation and review of circumstances.

- 10. 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.
- 11. 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, 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 the Board.
- 12. 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 reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank "NPDB." It may be reported to other licensing authorities as well. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.
- 13. 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.

14. 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 Montpelier, Vermont, this 26 day of February, 2020.

STATE OF VERMONT

THOMAS J. DONOVAN, JR. ATTORNEY GENERAL

By:

Megan Campbell

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DATED at CLIFFON PARK Verniont, this 28 day of February, 2020.

Rameen Hashemiyoon, MP Respondent

DATED at _____, Vermont, this ____ day of _____, 2020.

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AS TO RAMEEN HASHEMIYOON, MD

APPROVED AND ORDERED VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

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ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE: March 4th, 2020