

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY BRANCH**

In re: Karen Sondergaard, MD

Petition No. 2023-262

**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**

WHEREAS, Karen Sondergaard, of Trumbull, Connecticut ("respondent") has been issued license number 045579 to practice as a physician by the Department of Public Health ("the Department") pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 370, as amended.

WHEREAS, the Department has received information regarding respondent's alleged substance abuse.

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to conduct further investigation, and the parties wish to provide for the protection of the public during the interim.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§19a-14 and 19a-17, respondent stipulates to the following:

1. Respondent's license number 045579 to practice as a physician shall be suspended until such time as this petition is resolved.
2. Respondent is responsible for ensuring her license remains active during said suspension including filing timely renewal applications when necessary.
3. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Department in its investigation of this petition.

4. Respondent shall execute releases for any records requested by the Department including, but not limited to, psychiatric/psychological care, employment records, treatment and disability records, urine screens, breathalyzer tests and monitoring and/or professional assistance program records. For purposes of this Interim Consent Order, psychiatric/psychological care includes any substance and/or alcohol abuse treatment.
5. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this Interim Consent Order, respondent agrees to surrender to the issuing authorities, respondent's state and federal Controlled Substance Registrations.
6. This Interim Consent Order shall not deprive respondent of respondent's right to a hearing on the merits of this petition, nor shall it be construed as an admission of any fact or waiver of any right to which respondent may be entitled, other than as specifically provided for herein.
7. This Interim Consent Order shall become effective on the day it is approved and ordered by the Department.
8. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether an executed Interim Consent Order is approved and ordered.
9. Respondent understands and agrees that this Interim Consent Order is a public document and shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank maintained by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
10. Respondent has been advised of the right to consult with an attorney.
11. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.
12. This Interim Consent Order embodies the entire agreement of the parties with respect to this petition. All previous communications or agreements regarding the subject matter of this

Interim Consent Order, whether oral or written, between the parties are superseded unless expressly incorporated.

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I, Karen Sondergaard, have read the above Interim Consent Order, and I agree to the terms set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Interim Consent Order to be my free act and deed.

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Notary Public, State of Connecticut  
My Commission Expires July 31, 2026

Karen Sondergaard MD  
Karen Sondergaard, MD

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2023, by  
Karen Sondergaard MD

[Signature]  
Notary Public or Commissioner Superior Court

The above Interim Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the  
Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023, it  
is hereby accepted and ordered.

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