

STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND)	
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION)	
of the State of Illinois,)	Complainant,
v.)	
Piyush C. Buch, M.D.)	No. 2014-06662
License No. 036-057502/33[REDACTED]75,)	Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois, by Vladimir Lozovskiy, one of its attorneys, (hereinafter the "Department") and Piyush C. Buch, M.D. (hereinafter the "Respondent"), through Mark C. Meyer, his attorney, hereby agree to the following:

STIPULATIONS

Piyush C. Buch, M.D. is licensed as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, holding Illinois Physician and Surgeon License No. 036-057502. Said license is in Active status. At all times material to the matter(s) set forth in this Consent Order, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois had jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties herein.

Information has come to the attention of the Department that Respondent inappropriately prescribed Controlled Substances to a patient of his practice between 2011 and March 2015. The allegation(s) as set forth herein, if proven to be true, would constitute grounds for suspending, revoking or other discipline of Respondent's license as a Physician and Surgeon, on the authority 225 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Paragraph 60/22(A)(5) and (33).

Subsequently, the Department has filed a Formal Complaint and while the Complaint was pending the Department held an Informal Conference in this matter on October 16, 2019. Peter

Hofmann, M.D. appeared for the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board and Vladimir Lozovskiy, Staff Attorney, appeared for the Department. Respondent appeared in person along with his attorney, Mark C. Meyer. During the informal conference, Respondent discussed his care and treatment of the patient-in-question, his practice style and his plans for the future.

For purposes of this Consent Order, Respondent acknowledges that should this matter proceed to a contested hearing, the Illinois Medical Disciplinary Board (the "Board") could find a violation of the Medical Practice Act. Respondent has been advised of the right to a hearing, the right to contest any charges brought, and the right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Respondent knowingly waives each of these rights. Such waiver ceases if this Consent Order is rejected by either the Medical Disciplinary Board or the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Respondent and the Department have agreed, in order to resolve this matter, that Respondent, Piyush C. Buch, M.D. be permitted to enter into a Consent Order with the Department, providing for the imposition of disciplinary measures which are fair and equitable under the circumstances and which are consistent with the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois.

CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, the Department, through Vladimir Lozovskiy, its attorney, and Piyush C. Buch, M.D. Respondent, through Mark C. Meyer, his attorney, agree:

- A. Illinois Physician and Surgeon License of Piyush C. Buch, M.D. License No. 036-057502, is hereby placed on indefinite probation for minimum of two (2) years;
- B. Respondent shall pay a Fine in the amount of \$5,000.00 dollars (five thousand dollars) being due within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Consent Order. Respondent shall submit a check payable to: the Illinois Department of Financial and

Professional Regulation. Said fine shall be mailed to Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation, Attention: CMU/Accounts Receivable - Fine Payments, 320 W. Washington St., 3rd Floor, Springfield, Illinois 62786;

C. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall provide the Department with quarterly reports which include: (i) current residential address and contact telephone number as well as current practice location address and contact telephone number; (ii) address and contact information for each healthcare entity where Respondent has admitting privileges and/or employed; (iii) names of all the subordinates that are employed and/or supervised by Respondent during the reporting quarter; (iv) description of job duties, responsibilities and name of immediate supervisor and/or Department's Chairperson; (v) copy of any and all incident reports within the prior quarter filed against Respondent; and (vi) information, regarding any arrests, criminal, or civil actions filed, including DUI and/or other similar offenses against the Respondent; (vii) Respondent shall notify the Department of any adverse action taken against him related to the practice of medicine by another entity including but not limited to licensing authorities, insurance companies, and state and federal agencies, within ten (10) days of said adverse action; and (viii) Respondent shall notify the Department when he is the subject of any investigation initiated by another entity, including but not limited to licensing authorities, insurance companies, and state and federal agencies, within ten (10) days of said investigation;

D. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall notify the Department's Chief of Probation Investigations in writing of any change in employment and/or home address and/or telephone number within ten (10) days;

E. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall request the designated person from every healthcare entity, where he is practicing medicine/utilizing his Physician and Surgeon

License, to submit quarterly reports to the Department regarding any issues arising out of his employment and practice of medicine;

F. Within 60 days of the final approval of this Consent Order, Respondent shall obtain a practice monitor, who is a licensed Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois. Said practice monitor cannot be affiliated with Respondent's practice. Said practice monitor shall have an unrestricted Illinois Physician and Surgeon License that has never been disciplined by any state and/or federal agencies. The practice monitor shall be hired at the expense of Respondent and shall be pre-approved by the Chief Medical Coordinator of the Department. Respondent shall request that his practice monitor submit quarterly reports about scope and performance appraisals. On a quarterly basis the practice monitor shall meet with Respondent and randomly select and review ten (10) charts of patients who have been seen by Respondent during the quarter. The practice monitor shall review the charts of those patients and submit independent quarterly reports to the Department evaluating the scope, appropriateness, and quality of medical care rendered by Respondent;

G. During a period of Probation, the practice monitor shall agree to inform the Department immediately if there is evidence of inappropriate behavior, professional misconduct, a violation of Respondent's probation or any violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine;

H. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall notify the Department's Probation Unit within 10 (ten) days should his relationship with any practice monitor cease. Respondent shall submit to the Department's Chief Medical Coordinator a name of a new practice monitor within 30 days from the date of the initial Notice as described in paragraph F;

I. Respondent is required to submit a proof of twenty (20) Category I CMEs in the area of addiction medicine and ten (10) Category I CMEs in the area of record keeping. Said

CME credits are not allowed to be counted towards regularly required CME credits pursuant to the Illinois Medical Practice Act;

J. Respondent shall ensure that all the reports required to be submitted under the terms of this Probation shall be filed with the Department no later than 1/10, 4/10, 7/10 and 10/10 of each year during the full term of the Probation;

K. Respondent agrees that a violation of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order or a violation of the terms of probation is a violation of 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(15);

L. Respondent shall not violate the Illinois Medical Practice Act of 1987, any other federal and state laws related to the practice of medicine as well as any other federal and state laws;

M. If Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Order, the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation may issue an Order forthwith mandating the automatic, immediate, indefinite suspension of Respondent's Illinois Physician License 036-057502 for a minimum of twelve (12) months. This indefinite suspension shall not preclude the Department from taking any other disciplinary or other actions it deems appropriate. In the event Respondent contests in writing (by the filing of an appropriate petition with the Department) the factual basis underlying said indefinite suspension within thirty (30) days of the imposition thereof, then Respondent shall be afforded a hearing on the merits within thirty (30) days from filing of said petition;

N. This Consent Order shall become effective immediately after it is approved by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

DATE

Vladimir Lozovski, Attorney for the Department

3/23/20

DATE

Piyush C. Buch, M.D. Respondent

3/23/20

DATE

Mark C. Meyer, Attorney for Respondent

DATE

Member, Medical Disciplinary Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.


DATED THIS _____ day of _____, 2019.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of
the State of Illinois, Deborah Hagan, Secretary
Division of Professional Regulations**

**Cecilia Abundis
Acting Director**

REF: Case No. 2014-06662/ License No. 036-057502

4/1/2020
DATE


Vladimir Lozovskiy, Attorney for the Department


3/23/20
DATE


Piyush C. Bush, M.D. Respondent

3/23/20
DATE


Mark C. Meyer, Attorney for Respondent


4/1/2020
DATE


Member, Medical Disciplinary Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

DATED THIS 1st day of April, 2020.

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of
the State of Illinois, Deborah Hagan, Secretary
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