

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

SHABNUM HAMID SHEIKH, M.D.  
License No. 43-01-066210,  
Respondent.

File No. 43-20-001221

FINAL ORDER

On October 26, 2020, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (Department) executed an Administrative Complaint charging Respondent with violating the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 et seq.

The Complaint notified Respondent that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231, Respondent's failure to respond to the Complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt would be treated as an admission of the allegations contained in the Complaint and would result in transmittal of the Complaint directly to the Michigan Board of Medicine Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC) for imposition of an appropriate sanction.

Contrary to MCL 333.16231, Respondent failed to provide a written response to the allegations set forth in the Complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt.

The DSC, having read the Complaint, considered this matter at a regularly scheduled meeting held via Zoom on January 20, 2021, and imposed a sanction pursuant to MCL 333.16231.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that for violating MCL 333.16221(a), (b)(i) and (b)(vi):

Respondent is placed on PROBATION for a minimum of one (1) day and not to exceed six (6) months, commencing on the effective date of this Order. The terms of probation shall be as follows:

1. CONTINUING EDUCATION: Respondent shall successfully complete and submit satisfactory evidence of completing a minimum of eight (8) hours of continuing education (CE) in the areas of medical records/documentation. In addition, a minimum of three (3) hours of CE accepted by the Board in each of the following areas: a) billing; b) risk management; and c) ethics.

This CE **shall not** apply in computing Respondent's current CE requirements for license renewal.

Respondent shall seek and obtain pre-approval of the CE from the Chairperson of the Board or the Chairperson's designee.

Respondent shall direct requests for pre-approval and proof of the successful completion of the CE to the Department at [BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov](mailto:BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov)

2. COSTS: Respondent shall be solely responsible for payment of all costs incurred in complying with the terms of this Order.

Respondent shall be automatically discharged from probation upon receipt by the Department of satisfactory evidence of the successful completion of the probationary terms as set forth above, PROVIDED compliance occurs within six (6) months, Respondent has paid the fine as set forth below, has complied with the terms of this Order and has not violated the Public Health Code.

Respondent is FINED \$1,000.00 to be paid within 120 days of the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall **direct payment** to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Division, Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, MI 48909**. The fine shall be paid by check or money order, made payable to the State of Michigan, and shall clearly display **File Number 43-20-001221**.

If Respondent fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order, Respondent's license shall be automatically suspended for a minimum of one (1) day. If, within six (6) months of the suspension of the license, Respondent complies with the terms of this Order, the license shall be automatically reinstated.

If Respondent's license remains suspended for more than six (6) months, Respondent must apply for reinstatement of the license. If Respondent applies for reinstatement of the license, application for reinstatement shall be in accordance with sections MCL 333.16245 and 333.16247.


This Order is a public record required to be published and made available to the public pursuant to the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, MCL 15.231 *et seq.*, and this action will reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and any other entity as required by state or federal law.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE

This Order shall be effective 30 days after the date signed by the DSC's Chairperson or authorized representative, as set forth below.

Dated: January 27, 2021

**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

By:   
Michael Draminski, Manager  
Compliance Section  
Bureau of Professional Licensing  
Authorized Representative

kp

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF MEDICINE  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

SHABNUM HAMID SHEIKH, M.D.  
License No. 43-01-066210,  
Respondent.

File No. 43-20-001221

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Forrest Pasanski, Enforcement Division Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing, complains against Respondent as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Medicine is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* Pursuant to MCL 333.16226, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline persons for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice medicine in the state of Michigan and has an active controlled substance license.

3. At all relevant times, Respondent was employed as a psychiatrist at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services (Pine Rest) in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was contracted to provide counseling services solely for Community Mental Health for Central Michigan (facility) in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

4. In August 2019, upon Respondent's return from a leave of absence, facility management provided Respondent with a list of 173 patient charts that had not been completed prior to her leave, including sixty that had not been signed. Facility management requested that they be completed.

5. On October 1, 2019, Pine Rest management notified Respondent that her contractual employment with the facility was being terminated based on her late documentation. Respondent was provided with the option to resign in lieu of termination, provided her late documentation was submitted within two weeks. On October 15, 2019, Respondent resigned after submitting the documentation.

6. Upon review of Respondent's submissions, facility management found that several of Respondent's medical record documentations were simply copied from prior visits. Facility management noted multiple instances where Respondent had electronically copied and then inserted notes verbatim from one chart to another chart; changed the date in medical records; electronically copied and then inserted the charting notes of another physician's prior visit into charts; and copied and inserted an improper billing code for a visit. By way of example:

- a. On October 11, 2019, Respondent signed review notes purporting to be from an August 8, 2019 meeting with patient T.S.<sup>1</sup>; however, these notes were copied from notes made by Dr. M., another facility employee, who saw patient T.S. on June 26, 2019.

---

<sup>1</sup> Initials used throughout to protect individuals' identities

- b. On October 11, 2019, Respondent signed review notes purporting to be from an August 15, 2019 meeting with patient M.P., using incorrect billing codes.
- c. On October 11, 2019, Respondent signed review notes purporting to be from an August 19, 2019 meeting with patient A.L., which were copied from notes from an April 1, 2019 visit.
- d. On October 11, 2019, Respondent signed review notes purporting to be from an August 20, 2019 meeting with patient B.P., which were copied from notes from an April 11, 2019 visit.
- e. On October 11, 2019, Respondent signed review notes purporting to be from an August 20, 2019 meeting with patient J.K., which were copied from notes from a June 20, 2019 visit.

7. On or about December 18, 2019, pursuant to MCL 333.20175(5), facility management notified the Department of Respondent's termination based on the above described conduct.

#### COUNT I

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not injury results, in violation of MCL 333.16221(a).

## COUNT II

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, demonstrates Respondent's "departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for the health profession, whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs", and accordingly "incompetence," in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(i).

## COUNT III

Respondent's conduct demonstrates Respondent's lack of a "propensity on the part of the person to serve the public in the licensed area in a fair, honest and open manner," MCL 338.41(1), and accordingly a lack of "good moral character," in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(vi).

RESPONDENT IS NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(8), Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this Complaint to submit a written response to the allegations contained in it. Pursuant to section 16192(2) of the Code, Respondent is deemed to be in receipt of the complaint 3 days after the date of mailing listed in the attached proof of service. The written response shall be submitted by email to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing to [LARA-BPL-RegulationSection@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-BPL-RegulationSection@michigan.gov). If unable to submit a response by email, Respondent may submit by regular mail to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.**



Respondent's failure to submit an answer within 30 days is an admission of the allegations in this Complaint. If Respondent fails to answer, the Department shall transmit this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(9).

Dated: 10-26-2020



Forrest Pasanski, Director  
Enforcement Division  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

mfw