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January 19, 2016

#### CERTIFIED MAIL-RECEIPT REQUESTED

Salvatore V. Ambrosino, M.D.



Re: License #075877

Dear Dr. Ambrosino:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 16-011. This Order of Conditions pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230 is effective January 19, 2016.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,



Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: Christopher T. Bradley, Esq.
Marshall Conway & Bradley, P.C.
45 Broadway, Suite 740
New York, New York 10006

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

## IN THE MATTER OF

SALVATORE AMBROSINO, M.D.

ORDER OF CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO N.Y. PUB, HEALTH LAW § 230

Upon the application of SALVATORE AMBROSINO, M.D. (Licensee) in the attached Stipulation and Application for an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Application), which is made a part of this Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Order), it is agreed that:

- the Application and its terms are adopted; and
- this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Order by first class mall to Licensee at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Licensee's attorney, or upon facsimile transmission to Licensee or Licensee's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 1/19/2016

ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.

State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

# IN THE MATTER OF SALVATORE AMBROSINO, M.D.

APPLICATION FOR ORDER OF CONDITIONS PURSUANT TO N.Y. PUB. HEALTH LAW § 230

SALVATORE AMBROSINO, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about September 30, 1954, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 075877 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 1	and I will
advise the Director of the Office of Professional Me	dical Conduct of any change of
address. I am affiliated with the following hospitals a	and/or facilities:
	I understand that the New York
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("the	Board") has investigated the issues set
forth in attached Exhibit "A".	

I request that the Board and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical

Conduct ("the Director"), in reliance upon the results of the investigation to date and upon

my representation that I have practiced medicine without incident for at least a year before
this Application, conclude the investigation of these issues, provided I successfully and

without incident comply with the Conditions set forth below. In consideration of the Board and the Director granting this Application, and upon the Board's election not to bring disciplinary charges against me, I agree that the Board and the Director shall issue an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

I agree that the Order shall impose the following conditions:

That, effective immediately upon the issuance of this order and continuing until April 1, 2016, Licensee shall practice only in compliance with the terms set forth in Exhibit "B," including but not limited to the absolute requirement that Licensee shall have no patient contact without the presence of a chaperone. Any practice in violation of this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(21) and N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for failure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230-a, including but not limited to: revocation or suspension of license, Censure and Reprimand, probation, public service and/or fines of up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found;

That, effective April 1, 2016, and continuing permanently, Licensee shall be precluded from practicing medicine in New York State, from practicing in any setting where his practice is based solely on his New York license, and from further reliance upon Licensee's New York license to practice medicine to exempt Licensee from the licensure, certification or other requirements set forth in statute or

regulation for the practice of any other profession licensed, regulated or certified by the Board of Regents, Department of Education, Department of Health or the Department of State. Any practice in violation of this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(21) and N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for failure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law §230-a, including but not limited to: revocation or suspension of license and/or fines of up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found and, furthermore, may subject Licensee to criminal liability as unauthorized practice of medicine; and

That if Licensee is currently registered to practice medicine in New York State,
Licensee shall, as of April 1, 2016, notify the New York State Education
Department, Division of Professional Licensing Services, that Licensee's license
status is "inactive," and shall provide proof of such notification to the Director of
OPMC immediately upon having done so; and

That Licensee shall comply with all conditions set forth in attached Exhibit "C" ("Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice"); and

That Licensee shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("OPMC") In its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of Licensee, Licensee shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of compliance with the terms of this Order, meet in

person with the Director's designee, and respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Licensee's control to OPMC, as directed. This Condition shall take effect upon the Order's effective date and shall continue while Licensee possesses a license in New York.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with the conditions imposed by this order, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N. Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10), shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29). I agree that if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Application and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I understand that nothing in this Application shall be construed as an admission by me of any act of alleged misconduct or as a finding of misconduct as to those issues referred to in Exhibit "A". I deny any acts of misconduct and reserve my right to assert all defenses I may have in any later or other proceeding.

I understand and agree that my failure to comply with, successfully complete, or satisfy any of the material conditions of this Order, and/or any unsatisfactory report by the practice monitor (if any), shall vest the Director with the authority, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to vacate this agreement and shall permit the Director to pursue further investigation and/or prosecution of misconduct charges against me as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A" to the full extent authorized by the Public Health Law and the Education Law.

I understand that an Order Issued upon this Application does not bar prosecution for professional misconduct based upon allegations of violations of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530 unrelated to the Issues set forth in Exhibit "A", whether those alleged violations occurred before or after this Application. The Director may, at such time, also direct counsel to prepare charges that include allegations as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A".

I agree that, if the Board grants this Application, the Chair of the Board shall issue an Order of Conditions in accordance with its terms. I further agree that the Department of Health shall notify the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards of this Order of Conditions pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 and that the change in my licensure status is not disciplinary in nature. This Order of Conditions [with the exception of Exhibit "A," which shall remain a part of the investigative files of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct within the meaning of N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10)(a)(v)] shall be posted on the Department of Health website(s).

I make this Application of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Application, I waive my right to contest the Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Order, and I ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Order, based upon my Application, or to decline to do so. I

further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

DATE JULY 15, 2016

SALVATORE AMBROSINO, M.D. LICENSEE

The undersigned agree to Licensee's attached Order of Conditions and to its proposed terms and conditions.

DATE: 01.15.16

CHRISTOPHER BRADLEY, ESQ.

Attorney for Licensee

MARSHALL, CONWAY + BRADLEY, P.C.

DATE: 1-15-16

JEAN BRESLER Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

KEITH W. SERVIS

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

#### EXHIBIT "B"

#### PRACTICE CONDITIONS

- Licensee's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Licensee as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of this Order and may subject Licensee to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.
- Licensee shall, in the course of practicing medicine in New York State, examine and/or treat and/or have any direct contact with any patient only in the presence of a chaperone.
  - a. The chaperone shall be a licensed or registered health care professional or other health care worker, shall not be a family member, personal friend, or be in a professional relationship with Licensee which could pose a conflict with the chaperone's responsibilities. The chaperone shall be proposed by Licensee and subject to the written the approval of the Director of OPMC.
  - b. Prior to the approval of any individual as chaperone, Licensee shall cause the proposed chaperone to execute and submit to the Director of OPMC an acknowledgment of the chaperone's agreement to undertake all of the responsibilities of the role of chaperone. Said acknowledgment shall be made upon a form provided by and acceptable to the Director. Licensee shall provide the chaperone with a copy of the Order and all of its attachments and shall, without fall, cause the approved chaperone to:
  - c. Report monthly to OPMC regarding the chaperoning of Licensee's practice, but report within 24 hours any failure of Licensee to comply with the Order, including, but not limited to, any failure by Licensee to have the chaperone present when required, or any inappropriate conduct, whether verbal or physical, by Licensee in the presence of any patient.

- d. Confirm the chaperone's presence at each and every contact with a patient by Licensee, by placing the chaperone's name, title and date in the patient record for each and every visit, and by maintaining a separate log, kept in the chaperone's own possession and signed by the chaperone, listing the patient name and date of visit for each and every patient visit chaperoned.
- e. Provide copies of the log described in paragraph d, above, to OPMC at least monthly and also immediately upon the Director's request.
- Licensee shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Licensee shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care with respect to these practices.
- Licensee shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients.
- 5. The Director may review Licensee's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts and/or electronic records; and interviews or periodic visits with Licensee and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
- Licensee shall provide access for DOH personnel to Licensee's office(s) to verify
  Licensee's compliance with this Order. This access shall include, but not be limited
  to, on-site inspections, observation and interviews.
- Licensee shall comply with this Order, and all its terms and Conditions, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with or violation of these terms, the Director and/or the Board may initiate a proceeding against Licensee under N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230,

#### EXHIBIT "C"

### Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice

- Licensee shall as of April 1, 2016, immediately cease and desist from engaging in
  the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license,
  in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from
  providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from
  representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
- Prior to April 5, 2016, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's current blennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
- 3. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, effective April 1, 2016, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Prior to April 15, 2016, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
- 4. Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Prior to April 30, 2016, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall

include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

- 5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, prior to April 15, 2016, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
- 6. Prior to April 15, 2016, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
- 7. Prior to April 15, 2016, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
- Licensee shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for
  professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from
  engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the

- reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
- 9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur prior to July 1, 2016. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.
- 10. Fallure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found guilty, and may include revocation of a suspended license.