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## BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

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IN RE: **RICHARD HILL, M.D.**  
**License Number: 0101-058825**  
**Case Number: 186544**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Richard Hill, M.D., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Dr. Hill's license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Richard Hill, M.D., was issued License Number 0101-058825 to practice medicine and surgery on December 29, 1998, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2020.
2. Dr. Hill violated Virginia Code § 54.1-2915(A)(3), (12), (13), (16), and (18) and 18 VAC 85-20-26(C) concerning his care and treatment of Patient A, a 46-year-old female. Specifically, when Patient A initially presented to Dr. Hill on October 11, 2017 by referral from another provider for treatment of anxiety and depression, Dr. Hill failed to document in his progress note whether he obtained Patient A's drug, medical, social, or substance abuse history, consulted with or obtained records from Patient A's other treatment providers, or conducted a comprehensive examination of Patient A, including a mental status examination. Furthermore, by his own admission and before prescribing clonazepam, a C-IV benzodiazepine, to Patient A, Dr. Hill failed to review Patient A's Prescription Monitoring Program report which revealed that another provider had been prescribing hydromorphone, a C-II opioid, to Patient A nearly monthly from April 2016 through September 2017.

**CONSENT**

Richard Hill, M.D., by affixing his signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Medicine hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Richard Hill, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.
2. Within six (6) months of entry of this Order, Dr. Hill shall provide written proof satisfactory to the Board of successful completion of five (5) hours of continuing medical education ("CME") credits on the subject of recordkeeping. Such CME credits shall be approved in advance of registration by the Executive Director of the Board and shall be completed through face-to-face, interactive sessions (i.e., no home study, journal, or Internet courses). Any CME credits obtained through compliance with this term shall not be used toward compliance with the Board's continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Any violation of the foregoing terms and conditions of this Order or any statute or regulation governing the practice of medicine and surgery shall constitute grounds for further disciplinary action.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

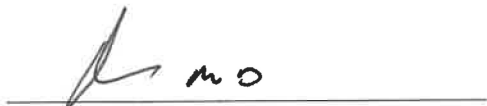
FOR THE BOARD



Jennifer Deschenes, J.D., M.S.  
Deputy Executive Director, Discipline  
Virginia Board of Medicine

ENTERED: 8/21/19

SEEN AND AGREED TO:



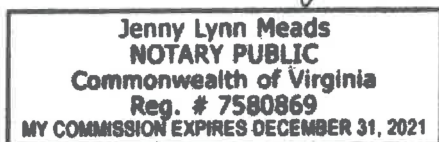
Richard Hill, M.D.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

COUNTY/CITY OF Virginia Beach, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large,

on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

12/31/21

Registration No.:

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