State of New Hampshire Board of Medicine

Concord, New Hampshire

In the Matter of:

Steven L. Parker, PA

License No.: 0133

(Allegation of Unlawful Practice)

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT** 

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote

the best interests of the public, the New Hampshire Board of Medicine ("Board"), and

Steven L. Parker ("Respondent"), do hereby stipulate and agree to resolve certain

pending allegations of unlawful conduct according to the following terms and

conditions:

1. Under RSA 328-D:2, practice as a physician assistant requires Board licensure

in New Hampshire.

2. Pursuant to RSA 310-A:1-m, VIII, the Board has jurisdiction to authorize

investigations into allegations of unlawful practice by persons not licensed to

practice as a physician assistant in this state. Pursuant to RSA 541-A; 38, such

allegations may be resolved by settlement and without commencing an

adjudicatory hearing.

3. In November of 2022, the Board became aware that Respondent, a physician

assistant whose license had expired, appeared to have practiced for a period of

time after the expiration of his license.

- 4. The Board initiated an investigation and obtained information from various sources pertaining to Respondent's activities related to unlicensed practice in the State of New Hampshire.
- 5. Respondent stipulates that if an adjudicatory hearing were to take place, evidence would establish that Respondent engaged in unlicensed practice as a physician assistant in violation of RSA 328-D:2, I by the following facts:
  - A. Respondent was first licensed as a physician assistant in New Hampshire on September 2, 1987.
  - B. Since obtaining licensure, Respondent continuously renewed his license until his most recent license expired on December 31, 2021. He did not apply for renewal until September of 2022.
  - C. Between December 31, 2021, and September of 2022, Respondent did not hold a license to practice as a physician assistant.
  - D. Between December 31, 2021, and September of 2022, Respondent continued to practice as a physician assistant in the State of New Hampshire.
- The Board finds that Respondent committed the acts as described above and concludes that such conduct constitutes unlicensed practice as defined by RSA 328-D:2, I.
- Respondent acknowledges that this conduct constitutes grounds for the Board to impose civil penalties.
- 8. Respondent consents to the Board imposing the following civil penalties, pursuant to RSA 310-A:1-m, VIII:

- A. Respondent is assessed a fine in the amount of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).
- B. Respondent shall pay the fine in full within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this *Settlement Agreement*, as defined further below. Payment shall be made by delivering a money order or bank check, made payable to "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire," to the Board's office at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, New Hampshire.
- 9. The Board agrees that in return for Respondent executing this Settlement Agreement, it will not proceed with a formal adjudicatory process based upon the facts described herein.
- 10. Except as provided herein, this Settlement Agreement shall bar the commencement of further disciplinary action by the Board based upon the conduct described herein. However, this conduct may be considered as evidence of a pattern of conduct in the event that similar unlawful conduct is proven against Respondent in the future.
- 11. No part of this Settlement Agreement shall be construed as precluding Respondent from obtaining physician assistant licensure in this state in the future if he is otherwise qualified.
- 12. This Settlement Agreement shall become a permanent part of Respondent's file, which is maintained as a public document.
- 13. Respondent voluntarily enters into and signs this Settlement Agreement and states that no promises or representations have been made to him other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

- 14. Respondent understands that his action in entering into this Settlement Agreement is a final act and not subject to reconsideration or judicial review or appeal.
- 15. Respondent has had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of his choosing in connection with his decision to enter into this Settlement Agreement.
- 16. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of this Settlement Agreement. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Settlement Agreement shall be null and void. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the Board during its review of this Settlement Agreement have prejudiced his right to a fair and impartial hearing in the future if this Settlement Agreement is not accepted by the Board.
- 17. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this Settlement Agreement.
- Respondent certifies that he has read this document titled Settlement Agreement. Respondent understands that he has the right to a formal adjudicatory hearing concerning this matter and that at said hearing he would possess the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his own behalf, to contest the allegations, to present oral argument, and to appeal to the courts. Further, Respondent fully understands the nature, qualities and dimensions of these rights. Respondent understands that by signing this Settlement Agreement, he waives these rights as they pertain to the conduct described herein.

19. This Settlement Agreement shall take effect as an Order of Board on the date it is signed by an authorized representative of the Board.

## FOR RESPONDENT

Date: January 31,2023

Steven L. Parker, PA

Respondent

## FOR THE BOARD/\*

This proceeding is hereby terminated in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date: 2/7/20 3/1/2023

(Signature)

Emily R. Baker MD

(Print or Type Name)

Authorized Representative of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine