

**State of New Hampshire
Board of Medicine
Concord, New Hampshire**

In the Matter of:
Ashok J. Bharucha, MD
License No.10320
(Adjudicatory Proceedings)

Docket No. 20-MED-0008

PRELIMINARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE

The New Hampshire Board of Medicine ("Board") granted Ashok Bharucha, M.D. ("Respondent") a New Hampshire license to practice medicine on July 1, 1998. Respondent holds license number 10320.

On or about July 7, 2020, the Board received information alleging that Respondent had been arrested for sexual assault in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Respondent enters into a Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board as follows:

1. Recognizing that professional misconduct allegations are now pending against me before the Board, I, Ashok Bharucha, MD, agree not to practice as a Physician, which includes, but is not limited to, writing prescriptions, examining/seeing patients, diagnosing patients and treating patients, in the State of New Hampshire, effective upon my signing this preliminary agreement, until further order of the Board.

2. I admit to no violations of RSA 329:17, VI and/or any violations within Chapter 632-A, or any administrative rules or ethical provisions or any other laws, statutes or regulations, adopted by the Board.

3. Understanding that this Preliminary Agreement and the restrictions herein shall remain until further order of the Board, I hereby specifically waive any statute of limitations

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or laches defense, which might then be available, including, but not limited to, those based on RSA 332-G:8 and RSA 332-G:9.

4. I understand that I may request a hearing at any time, and a hearing on this matter will be scheduled for the next available hearing date.

5. In the event that I apply for the renewal of my license while this agreement is in effect, I voluntarily agree to waive any statutory or administrative time deadlines regarding the Board's final action on such license renewal application. I understand that by waiving such deadlines, the Board's final action on any such license renewal application will be automatically deferred until after the disposition of this Board matter and that my license will not expire while this Preliminary Agreement is in effect.

6. I voluntarily enter into this agreement with the Board and state that no promises or representations have been made to me other than those terms and conditions expressly stated herein.

7. I further understand that this document shall become a permanent part of my file, and will be maintained by the Board as a public document.

8. I have had the opportunity to seek and obtain the advice of an attorney of my choosing in connection with the decision to sign this Preliminary Agreement.

9. I am of sound mind and not under the influence of any substance that would impair my judgment at the time I sign this Preliminary Agreement.

10. I understand that my failure to comply with the terms of this Preliminary Agreement Not to Practice shall constitute unprofessional conduct under RSA 329:17, VI and may subject me to discipline under RSA 329:17, VII.

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FOR RESPONDENT

Date: 7/13/2020



Respondent

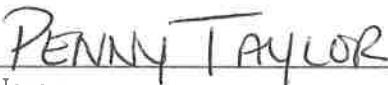
FOR THE BOARD

This Preliminary Agreement is hereby accepted in accordance with the binding terms and conditions set forth above.

Date: 8/7/2020



(Signature)



Name
Authorized Representative of the
New Hampshire Board of Medicine