State of New Hampshire Board of Medicine Concord, New Hampshire 03301

In the Matter of:
Alexandar Jovanovich, M.D., License No. 18621
(Reciprocal Board Action)

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

In order to avoid the delay and expense of further proceedings and to promote the best interests of the public and the practice of medicine, the New Hampshire Board of Medicine ("Board") and Alexandar Jovanovich, M.D. (the "*Respondent*"), a physician licensed by the Board, do hereby stipulate and agree to resolve certain allegations of professional misconduct now pending before the Board according to the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Pursuant to RSA 329:17, I; RSA 329:18; RSA 329:18-a; and Medical Administrative Rule ("Med") 206, the Board has jurisdiction to investigate and adjudicate allegations of professional misconduct. Pursuant to Med 410.01, after receiving notice that the licensee has been subjected to disciplinary action by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction, the Board may impose reciprocal discipline provided the licensee is given an opportunity to demonstrate why discipline should not be imposed. Pursuant to RSA 329:18-a, III, the Board may, at any time, dispose of such allegations by settlement and without commencing a hearing.
- The Board first granted Respondent a license to practice medicine in the State of New Hampshire on January 3, 2018. Respondent holds license number 18621.

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- 3. On or about November 12, 2021, the Board issued *Notice of Show Cause Hearing* 03/03/22 @ 12:00 PM providing the Respondent an opportunity to demonstrate why discipline should not be imposed.
- 4. Respondent stipulates that if a show cause/disciplinary hearing were to take place,

 Hearing Counsel would be able to prove the following facts:
 - A. Respondent is a physician with a primary practice in Illinois. Respondent is licensed in several states, including New Hampshire.
 - B. On or about 2018, Respondent started a new business that provided telemedicine services.
 - C. On or about August 20, 2020, Respondent entered Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement (Combined) with the State of Iowa Board of Medicine ("Iowa") resolving File No. 02-2019-193 disputed claims and allegations of violating the standards of practice for telemedicine in Iowa. Respondent denies Iowa's allegations of wrongdoing and denies any breach of the Iowa Code or the Iowa's administrative rules. Respondent consented to discipline by Iowa of a citation and warning, a civil penalty of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), a corrective action to address the deficiencies in Respondent's telemedicine practice, and other stated terms and conditions.
 - D. On or about October 21, 2021, Iowa issued Termination Order in File No. 02-2019-193 terminating the Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement and returned the Respondent's Iowa medical license to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

- 5. The Board finds that, if proven, the forgoing facts could form a basis for discipline under RSA 329:17, VI and Med 410.01.
- 6. To avoid the delay and expense of a hearing on this matter, and in light of the mitigating circumstances, the Board and the Respondent agree that so long as Respondent complies with the following conditions the Board will not impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to RSA 329:17, VII. and Med 410.01 However, should Respondent fail to fully and completely comply with the following terms and conditions, he has agreed that discipline shall be imposed in the form of a Reprimand and all of the following conditions must be met.
 - A. Respondent shall receive a letter of concern from the Board that addresses

 Board's concerns including but not limited to the Respondent's responsibility
 to ensure his practice as it relates to telemedicine complies with the law of any
 applicable jurisdiction.
 - B. Respondent shall reimburse the Board for investigation/prosecution costs in the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) where two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) is suspended. All payments shall be in the form of a check or money order made payable to the Treasurer, State of New Hampshire and shall specify on the memo line that the payment is for "Investigative/Prosecution Costs". The payment of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) shall be sent with a copy this *Settlement Agreement*. Payment shall be made within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this *Settlement Agreement*. Payment shall be sent to:

ATTN: OPLC Finance and Board of Medicine Office of Professional Licensure and Certification 7 Eagle Sq. Concord, NH 03301

A separate mailed copy of the payment shall also be sent to:
ATTN: Jessica Kennedy, Administrator, and Collin Phillips,
Attorney II
Office of Professional Licensure and Certification
7 Eagle Sq.
Concord, NH 03301

- C. Respondent shall demonstrate to the Board that the Respondent has successfully completed and complied with the terms and conditions ordered by the licensing authority (Iowa Board of Medicine) in which disciplinary action first originated. *Termination Order* attached as "Attachment 1" shall be accepted as compliance with this term.
- D. Respondent shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of any order by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction. Respondent has the affirmative duty to inform the Board of any non-compliance with any order by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction.
- E. Within ten (10) days of the effective date of this agreement, as defined further below, Respondent shall furnish a copy of the Settlement Agreement to any current employer for whom Respondent performs services that require a medical license or directly or indirectly involves patient care, and to any agency or authority which licenses, certifies or credentials physicians, with which Respondent is presently affiliated.

- F. For a continuing period of one (1) year from the effective date of this agreement, Respondent shall furnish a copy of this Settlement Agreement to any employer to which Respondent may apply for work as a physician or for work in any capacity which requires a medical license or directly or indirectly involves patient care, and to any agency or authority that licenses, certifies or credentials physicians, to which Respondent may apply for any such professional privileges or recognition.
- 7. Respondent's breach of any terms or conditions of this *Settlement Agreement* shall constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to RSA 329:17, VI (d), and a separate and sufficient basis for further disciplinary action by the Board.
- 8. The Board may consider Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions herein in any subsequent proceeding before the Board regarding Respondent's license.
- 9. Except as provided herein, this Settlement Agreement shall bar the commencement of further disciplinary action by the Board based upon the conduct described above. However, the Board may consider this conduct as evidence of a pattern of conduct in the event that similar conduct is proven against Respondent in the future. Additionally, the Board may consider this conduct as a factor in determining appropriate discipline in any future matter.
- 10. This Settlement Agreement shall become a permanent part of Respondent's file, which is maintained by the Board as a public document.

- 11. 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.
- 12. The Board agrees that in return for Respondent executing this Settlement Agreement, the Board will not proceed with the formal adjudicatory process based upon the facts described herein.
- 13. 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.
- 14. 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 agreement.
- 15. 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.
- 16. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time he signs this Settlement Agreement.
- 17. 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 rights to confront and cross-examine witnesses, to call witnesses, to present evidence, to testify on his

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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 misconduct described herein.

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

FOR THE BOARD/*

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

Date: 3/8/2022

(Print or Type Name)

Authorized Representative of the New Hampshire Board of Medicine

Attachment 1: Termination Order

BEFORE THE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST ALEXANDAR JOVANOVICH, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-2019-193

TERMINATION ORDER

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medicine on October 21, 2021, and enters this Termination Order.

- 1. **Iowa Medical License:** Respondent was issued Iowa medical license MD-44840 on December 20, 2017. Respondent's Iowa medical license is active and will next expire on May 1, 2022.
- 2. **Jurisdiction:** The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 148, and 272C.
- 3. Practice Setting: Respondent is an Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Chicago, Illinois, and telehealth in other states.
- 4. Combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement: On August 28, 2020, Respondent entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Respondent violated the standards of

practice for telemedicine in Iowa when Respondent failed to establish a valid physicianpatient relationship with patients receiving telemedicine services in Iowa; failed to perform interviews of his patients sufficient for the diagnosis and treatment of patients in Iowa prior to providing medical treatment, including issuing prescriptions; and prescribed medications to patients in Iowa based solely on an internet questionnaire. Respondent denied the Board's allegations of wrongdoing and denied any breach of the Iowa Code or the Board's administrative rules. Under the terms of the August 28, 2020, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Respondent a Citation and Warning and ordered Respondent to a pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and take corrective action to address the deficiencies in Respondent's telemedicine practice identified by the Board and come into compliance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 653-13.11 to the satisfaction of the Board including establishing an adaptive, interactive, and responsive online interview for diagnosis and treatment. A questionnaire that is later reviewed by Respondent is insufficient. At a minimum, the interview must also provide for a live interaction between the prescribing licensee and patient, which may take place via videoconferencing, such that the requirements of subrule 653—13.11(8) are met and the patient has the opportunity to ask questions of the licensee in real-time.

5. **Termination:** On October 21, 2021, the Board determined that Respondent successfully completed the terms of his Board order and voted to issue this Termination Order.

THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: that the terms of Respondent's Board order are terminated and Respondent's Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

This Order is issued by the Board on October 21, 2021.

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