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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JONATHAN M. ADELBERG, M.D., RESPONDENT. FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

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# ORDER 0006445

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 375

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The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D. 2189 Driftwood Cir. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D. (DOB May 17, 1956), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 30937-20, first issued on February 22, 1990, with registration current through October 31, 2019. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 2189 Driftwood Circle, Palm Beach Gardens, Florida 33410.

2. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in Ontario, Canada; Michigan, Florida, Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Georgia.

3. On July 10, 2018, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario (Ontario Board) issued an Undertaking, Acknowledgment and Consent (Ontario Order) which required Respondent to attend an Individual Education Program in medical ethics and provide summaries of the Ontario Board policies on marijuana for medical purposes, telemedicine, uninsured services, billing and block fees, and professionalism.

4. The Ontario Order was issued following an investigation of Respondent's prescribing of medical marijuana.

5. On October 12, 2018, Respondent was informed by the Ontario Board that he had successfully met all the obligations set forth in the Ontario Order.

6. On May 15, 2019, the State of Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (Michigan Board) issued a Consent Order which issued a reprimand and fined Respondent for failing to report the Ontario Order to the Michigan Board.

7. On July 11, 2019, the State of Florida Board of Medicine issued a Final Order which issued a Letter of Concern and fined Respondent as a result of action taken by the Ontario Board.

8. Respondent did not report the Ontario Order to the Board.<sup>1</sup>

9. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(a) by failing, within 30 days, to report to the board any final adverse action taken against the licensee's authority to practice medicine and surgery by another licensing jurisdiction concerned with the practice of medicine and surgery.

3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c) by having any credential pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent has represented to the Department that he anticipates that the remaining states (Indiana, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Georgia) may impose similar reciprocal action from the Ontario Order.

4. As a result of the above conduct, Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

### <u>ORDER</u>

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., is REPRIMANDED.

3. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$800.00.

4. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190 Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264 DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 30937-20), or Respondent's right to renew his license, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

mP bv: A Member of the Board

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## STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
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JONATHAN M. ADELBERG, M.D., RESPONDENT.	:	ORDER 0 0 0 6 4 4 5

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 18 MED 375

Respondent Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D. and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.

4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the 6. Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's 7. Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in 8. recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

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Jonathan M. Adelberg, M.D., Respondent 2189 Driftwood Cir. Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 License no. 30937-20

Colleen L. Meloy, Attorney Division of Legal Services and Compliance P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

08/19/2019 Date

B/27/2019