

IN THE MATTER OF

JOHN M. BERNARD, JR., M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D0090579

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND STATE

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 2227-0016

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that John M. Bernard, Jr., M.D. (the “Respondent”), License Number D0090579, was disciplined by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the “Mississippi Board”). In a Consent Order (the “Mississippi Board Consent Order”) dated July 15, 2026, the Mississippi Board disciplined the Respondent by issuing a public reprimand with terms and conditions.

Based on the above-referenced Mississippi Board sanctions, the Maryland Board has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), under Health Occ. § 14-404(a):

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
 - (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veterans Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Mississippi would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 14-404(a).

The disciplinary grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

(3) Is guilty of:

(ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine[.]

(43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine[.]

With respect to Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43), the pertinent Mississippi Codes are the following:

Mississippi Code Annotated

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§ 73-25-29. Nonissuance, suspension, revocation, restriction, denial of reinstatement, or denial of renewal of license; grounds.

....

(8) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to:

(d) Being guilty of any dishonorable or unethical conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public.

....

(13) Violation of any provision(s) of the Medical Practice Act or the rules and regulations of the board or of any order, stipulation or agreement with the board.

§ 73-25-83. Grounds for disciplinary action by board.

(a) Unprofessional conduct as defined in the physician licensure and disciplinary laws, pursuant to Section 73-25-29.

30 Mississippi Administrative Code

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Part 2630.

Chapter 1.2, in part.

Physician...who practices within the state of Mississippi for a minimum of twenty (20) hours per week or eighty (80) hours per month (does not include telemedicine or chart review).

Chapter 1.3, in part.

Physicians who wish to collaborate must add the APRN...must submit all required information regarding the collaboration to the Board.

Chapter 1.4, in part.

Physicians who plan to collaborate with APRNs in locations beyond seventy-five (75) miles from the physician, known as Extended Mileage Collaboration, must submit the protocol for approval prior to the commencement of patient care under the protocol.

Based on the actions taken by the Mississippi Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order with Panel A, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following findings of fact:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed in Maryland on or about November 25, 2020.
2. During its investigation, Mississippi Board investigators discovered that the Respondent, who lived in New Jersey, was working collaboratively with an advanced practice registered nurse who lived in Manhattan, Kansas. The Respondent was employed as a contract employee for an online telehealth company, Qyral LLC, which offered vials containing semaglutide 5mg/cyanocobalamin 0.5mg/mL for weight-loss treatment. The evidence presented showed inconsistencies with patient records and documentation, misinterpretation of patient visits, a lack of a bona fide "patient-provider" relationship, and no record of a protocol for approval to collaborate with the nurse, who was more than seventy-five (75) miles from the Respondent.

3. In a Consent Order, dated July 15, 2026, the Mississippi Board disciplined the Respondent by reprimand and requiring that, within three (3) months from the date of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall enroll and successfully complete an AMA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education course in the area of Medical Ethics.

A copy of the Mississippi Board Consent Order is attached hereto.

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby,

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of the July 15, 2026, Mississippi Board Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall go before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel: and if the disciplinary panel determines there is no genuine disputes as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if Panel A determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, Panel A may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, suspend the Respondent's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Panel A may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of this Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. See Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

09/09/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, _____, M.D., acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

[OR]

I, John Bernard, M.D., assert that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all of its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 et seq. concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution to the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Facts and

Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

Signature on File

John M. Bernard, Jr., M.D.

9/4/26
Date

NOTARY

STATE OF New Jersey
CITY/COUNTY OF Ocean

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 3rd day of September, 2026 before me, a
Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally John M. Bernard, Jr., M.D. and
made oath in due form of law that the forgoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and notarial seal.

My Commission Expires on _____



Dyanette C Meyer
Notary Seal

**Mississippi Order,
dated July 15, 2026**

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

**IN THE MATTER OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE
OF JOHN MARLEY BERNARD, M.D.,
LICENSE NO. 28332**

CASE NO. 2024-056

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, John Marley Bernard, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi, currently holding License Number 28332. Said license expires on June 30, 2026;

WHEREAS, Licensee reports his area of practice to be Emergency Medicine conducted with Doctalkgo at 10 Trefoil Terrace, Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054;

WHEREAS, the Investigative Staff of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has conducted an investigation of Licensee and has in its possession evidence which, if produced during the course of an evidentiary hearing, would substantiate that Licensee has violated certain provisions of the Mississippi Medical Practice Act, specifically, Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13) and 30 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2630, Ch. 1, R. 1.2, R. 1.3, and R. 1.4; and Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(8)(d) and Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-83(a); and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Licensee to avoid an evidentiary hearing before the Board and, in lieu thereof, has agreed to enter into this Consent Order, thereby admitting the facts and allegations set forth herein, subject to the terms specified below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, with consent of Licensee as signified by his joinder herein, does hereby take the following action:

Licensee is hereby **REPRIMANDED**.

1. Within three (3) months from the date of this Order, Licensee shall enroll and successfully complete an AMA Category 1 Continuing Medical Education course in the area of Medical Ethics. Following completion of the course, Licensee shall submit to the Board's Compliance Officer documentary proof of successful completion.
2. Licensee shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine. Any further acts of misconduct may result in further action.
3. Licensee expressly agrees he will not seek an appearance before the Board prior to the completion of the terms of this Order and, further, agrees the terms of the Order, once executed, will not be reconsidered.
4. Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that, should Licensee challenge or dispute any provision or statement in this agreement during the Board approval process, this Consent Order will automatically be rendered null and void, formal charges will be brought, and this matter shall be set for a full evidentiary hearing at the convenience of the Board.
5. Licensee shall reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in relation to the pending matter pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-30. Licensee shall be advised of the total assessment by separate written

notification and shall tender to the Board a certified check or money order made payable to the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, on or before forty (40) days from the date the assessment is mailed to Licensee via U.S. Mail to Licensee's current mailing address.

This Consent Order shall be subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Consent Order, in whole or in part, it shall have no force or effect on the parties. It is further understood and agreed that the purpose of this Consent Order is to avoid a hearing before the Board. In this regard, Licensee authorizes the Board to review and examine any documentary evidence or material concerning the Licensee prior to or in conjunction with its consideration of this Consent Order.

Licensee understands that he may participate in the Board meeting scheduled for July 16, 2026, via zoom or other virtual platform, at which time the Board will consider approval of this Consent Order. Licensee further acknowledges that he may be required to personally appear before the Board on a scheduled hearing date to answer any questions which the Board may have.

Should this Consent Order not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration by the Board of, this Consent Order and other documents and matters pertaining thereto, including Licensee's answers to questions, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Board or any of its members from participation in any further proceedings. Should the Board hereafter receive documented evidence of Licensee violating any of the terms of this Consent Order, or of any further actions(s) taken related to the facts and terms stated herein, the Board shall have the right, following a full evidentiary

hearing, to revoke the medical license of Licensee, suspend it for a time deemed proper by the Board, or take any other action determined as necessary by the Board.

Licensee understands and expressly acknowledges that this Consent Order, if approved and executed by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, shall constitute a public record of the State of Mississippi. Licensee further acknowledges that the Board shall provide a copy of this Order to, among others, the National Practitioners Data Bank (NPDB), the Mississippi Department of Health (MSDH), the Federation of State Medical Boards, the Office of the Inspector General, United States Department of Health and Human Services (OIG-HHS), the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid, the Mississippi Board of Pharmacy, and the Mississippi State Medical Association (MSMA). The Board makes no representation as to action, if any, which any other agency or jurisdiction may take in response to this Order.

Recognizing his right to notice of charges specified against him, to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to Miss. Code Ann., § 73-25-27, to be represented therein by legal counsel of his choice, and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, **JOHN MARLEY BERNARD, M.D.**, nevertheless, hereby waives his right to notice and a formal adjudication of charges and authorizes the Board to enter an order accepting this Consent Order.

[INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK; SIGNATURE TO FOLLOW]

EXECUTED, this the 18th day of June, 2026.

Signature on File

John Marley Bernard, M.D.

ACCEPTED AND APPROVED, this the 15th day of July, 2026,

by the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure.

Signature on File

Roderick Givens, M.D.
Board President