

**STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Christopher S. Manfred, MD) Docket No. MPS 049-0324
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CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Christopher S. Manfred, MD, and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Christopher S. Manfred MD (“Respondent”) holds Vermont medical license number 042.0014239 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“the Board”) on December 5, 2018. Respondent is a Physician.
2. Respondent’s license has been conditioned since it was issued under the terms of a Stipulation and Consent Order approved by the Board on December 5, 2018. The Stipulation addresses prior unprofessional conduct committed by Respondent in New Hampshire. Pursuant to that Stipulation, Respondent’s practice areas are limited to critical care medicine and anesthesiology. He must also seek prior approval from the Board’s assigned Investigative Committee before working for a new employer in a field that requires Board licensure.
3. Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“the Board”), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353, 1354, 1370-1376, and 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814.

Background

4. Respondent is presently charged with an alleged violation of Vermont law.
Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
5. Respondent has determined that he shall voluntarily enter into this Cessation of Practice Agreement ("Agreement") with the Board and shall immediately refrain from any and all practice of medicine until further order of the Board.
Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice. The parties also agree that this Cessation of Practice Agreement does not constitute a disciplinary action pursuant to Vermont Board of Medical Practice Rules.
6. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 & 814. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.
7. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which

is intended to serve as an interim means of affording the parties an opportunity to review and evaluate the evidence in his underlying criminal case while providing for the protection of the health and welfare of his patients.

Cessation of Practice

8. **It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following his execution of this Agreement, from any and all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.**
9. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, himself, family members or others after execution of this Agreement.
10. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief from this Agreement. Respondent understands that if he desires to seek modification or relief, he must first present a written petition to the South Investigative Committee ("the Committee") of the Board requesting such modification or relief. The Committee will then make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent's petition should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that a petition for relief or modification could be granted only if the Board were to exercise its discretion to approve his request and issue an Order to that effect.

General Provisions

11. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:


- a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board, and execute any and all waivers that may be required for the Board, its staff or agents to conduct its investigation and review of the applicable circumstances.
- b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to him by the Board as to his medical records, treatment records, evaluations or assessments, legal matters, and court proceedings. The parties hereby agree that the Board will not seek information about Respondent's confidential attorney client communications or attorney work product.
- c. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and
- d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.

12. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.


13. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. § 1353, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.
14. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank "NPDB." It may be reported to other licensing authorities as well. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.
15. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 8 above. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.
16. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

SIGNATURES


DATED at Brattleboro, Vermont, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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David Liebow, DPM
Chair, South Investigative Committee
Vermont Board of Medical Practice


DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

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Approval as to legal form
Megan Campbell, Esquire
Assistant Attorney General
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DATED at Underhill, VT, Vermont, this 24th day of March, 2024.

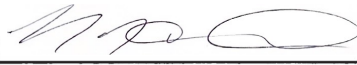

Christopher S. Manfred, MD
Respondent

DATED at Burlington, Vermont, this 29th day of March, 2024.


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**AS TO CHRISTOPHER S. MANFRED, MD
APPROVED AND ORDERED
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice

By: 

Rick Hildebrant, MD
Chair
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes,
dated

Dated: 04/03/2024