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BEFORE THE
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against: **JOSE CARRANZA, M.D.** 1710 Woodland Vista Dr Kingwood TX 77339 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 51366 Respondent	Case No. 800-2019-062010 **DEFAULT DECISION AND ORDER** [Gov. Code §11520]

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 6, 2020, an employee of the Medical Board of California (Board), served by Certified and First Class Mail a copy of the Accusation No. 800-2019-062010, Statement to Respondent, Notice of Defense, Request for Discovery, and Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6, and 11507.7 to Respondent's address of record with the Board, which was and is 1710 Woodland Vista Drive, Kingwood TX 77339. The green certified mail receipt was signed and returned. (Accusation package, proof of service, certified mail receipt, Exhibit Package, Exhibit 1[1].)

2. There was no response to the Accusation. On May 27, 2020, an employee of the Attorney General's Office sent a Courtesy Notice of Default, by certified mail, addressed to

[1] The evidence in support of this Default Decision and Order is submitted herewith as the "Exhibit Package."

Respondent at the address of record above. The Courtesy Notice of Default advised Respondent of the service of the Accusation, and provided him with an opportunity to file a Notice of Defense and request relief from default. The green certified mail receipt was returned and indicates the package was delivered. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 2, Courtesy Notice of Default, proof of service, certified mail receipt.)

3. Respondent has not responded to service of the Accusation or the Notice of Default. He has not filed a Notice of Defense. As a result, Respondent has waived his right to a hearing on the merits to contest the allegations contained in the Accusation.

4. William Prasifka is the Board's Executive Director. The charges and allegations in the Accusation were at all times brought and maintained solely in the official capacity of the Board's Executive Director.

5. On October 8, 2003, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 51366 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate expired on March 31, 2019, and has not been renewed. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 3: License Certification.)

6. On May 6, 2020, Respondent was duly served with an Accusation, alleging causes for discipline against Respondent. A Courtesy Notice of Default was thereafter served on Respondent. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense.

7. The allegations of the Accusation are true as follows:

On October 18, 2019, the Texas Medical Board issued an Agreed Order regarding Respondent's license to practice in Texas. The Agreed Order includes factual findings that Respondent prescribed controlled substances to an out-of-state family member with a long history of mental illness, without maintaining medical records and without monitoring compliance, usage or efficacy. In mitigation, it was noted that the family member had a long history of mental illness and non-compliance with treatment recommendations, and that Respondent had a long and unblemished practice history and had learned from the situation. Under the terms of the Agreed Order, Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances and drugs with potential for addiction or abuse is restricted to treatment of inpatients in a hospital setting, he may not treat family

members and must complete continuing medical education. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 1: Agreed Order issued by the Texas Medical Board is attached to the Accusation.)

DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

8. The Board has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default, and pursuant to Government Code section 11520, finds that Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further proceedings or hearing and, based on Respondent's admissions by way of default and the evidence before the Board, contained in the Exhibit Package, finds that the allegations in the Accusation are true and correct.

9. Respondent's conduct and the action of the Texas Medical Board constitute cause for discipline within the meaning of Business and Professions Code sections 2305 and 141(a).

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. C 51366, heretofore issued to Respondent JOSE CARRANZA, M.D., is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on AUG 07 2020.

It is so ORDERED JUL 09 2020

WILLIAM PRASIFKA
Executive Director
For The Medical Board Of California
Department Of Consumer Affairs

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EXHIBIT 1

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PARTIES

1. Christine J. Lally (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (Board).

2. On October 8, 2003, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number C 51366 to Jose Carranza, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is in delinquent status, having expired on March 31, 2019.

JURISDICTION

3. This Accusation is brought before the Medical Board of California under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (Code) and/or other relevant statutory enactment:

A. Section 2227 of the Code provides in part that the Board may revoke, suspend for a period not to exceed one year, or place on probation, the license of any licensee who has

been found guilty under the Medical Practice Act, and may recover the costs of probation monitoring.

B. Section 2305 of the Code provides, in part, that the revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California under the Medical Practice Act, constitutes grounds for discipline for unprofessional conduct.

C. Section 141 of the Code provides:

> "(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of a department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or by another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein."
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> "(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by the board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)

4. On October 18, 2019, the Texas Medical Board issued an Agreed Order regarding Respondent's license to practice in Texas. The Agreed Order includes factual findings that Respondent prescribed controlled substances to an out-of-state family member with a long history of mental illness, without maintaining medical records and without monitoring compliance, usage or efficacy. In mitigation, it was noted that the family member had a long history of mental illness and non-compliance with treatment recommendations, and that Respondent had a long and unblemished practice history and had learned from the situation. Under the terms of the Agreed Order, Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances and drugs with potential for addiction or abuse is restricted to treatment of inpatients in a hospital setting, he may not treat family

members, and must complete continuing medical education. A copy of the Agreed Order issued by the Texas Medical Board is attached as Exhibit A.

5. Respondent's conduct and the action of the Texas Medical Board as set forth in paragraph 4, above, constitute cause for discipline pursuant to sections 2305 and/or 141 of the Code.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number C 51366 issued to Jose Carranza, M.D.;

2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Jose Carranza, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

3. Ordering Jose Carranza, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the costs of probation monitoring; and

4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: May 6, 2020

CHRISTINE J. LALLY
Interim Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

December 3, 2019

Sharee Woods
Medical Board of California
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: Open Records Request Regarding Jose Carranza, M.D.

Dear Sharee Woods:

We received your open records request on November 26, 2019. As you requested, enclosed are certified copies of the following documents:

Public Verification Printout
2019 Agreed Order

Please contact me if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,

Christine Rodriguez

Christine Rodriguez
Open Records Coordinator
TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

PUBLIC VERIFICATION / PHYSICIAN PROFILE

PHYSICIAN

NAME: JOSE CARRANZA MD **DATE:** 12/03/2019

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOX HAS BEEN VERIFIED BY THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

Date of Birth: [redacted]
License Number: G0608 Full Medical License
Issuance Date: 06/15/1981
Expiration Date of Physician's Registration Permit: 02/28/2020

Registration Status: ACTIVE
Disciplinary Status: UNDER BOARD ORDER
Licensure Status: NONE

Registration Date: 07/01/1981
Disciplinary Date: 10/18/2019
Licensure Date: NONE

Medical School of Graduation:
At the time of licensure, TMB verified the physician's graduation from medical school as follows:
UNIV NACL AUTO DE MEXICO, FAC DE MED, MEXICO DF, MEXICO

Medical School Graduation Year: 1962

TMB Filings, Actions and License Restrictions

The Texas Medical Board has the following board actions against this physician. (This may include any formal complaints filed by TMB, as well as petitions and/or responses related to licensure contested matters, at the State Office of Administrative Hearings.)

View the documents containing action taken by the Board against this individual.

View Board Actions Get Adobe Reader

Action Date: 10/18/2019

Description: ON OCTOBER 18, 2019, THE BOARD AND JOSE CARRANZA, M.D., ENTERED INTO AN AGREED ORDER UNDER THE FOLLOWING TERMS: SHALL NOT POSSESS, ADMINISTER, DISPENSE, OR PRESCRIBE ANY CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR DANGEROUS DRUGS WITH ADDICTIVE POTENTIAL, EXCEPT AS IS MEDICALLY NECESSARY FOR TREATMENT OF INPATIENTS IN A HOSPITAL SETTING WHERE DR. CARRANZA HAS PRIVILEGES OR PRACTICES MEDICINE; SHALL NOT TREAT OR OTHERWISE SERVE AS A PHYSICIAN FOR HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY AND SHALL NOT PRESCRIBE, DISPENSE, ADMINISTER OR AUTHORIZE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES OR DANGEROUS DRUGS WITH ADDICTIVE POTENTIAL TO HIMSELF OR HIS IMMEDIATE FAMILY; AND WITHIN A YEAR COMPLETE AT LEAST FOUR HOURS OF CME IN RISK MANAGEMENT. THE BOARD FOUND DR. CARRANZA PRESCRIBED CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES TO AN OUT-OF-STATE FAMILY

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS
I, Christina Rodriguez certify that I am an official assistant custodian of records for the Texas Medical Board and that this is a true and correct Copy of the original, as appears on the file in this office.

Witness my official hand and seal of the BOARD.
This 3rd, Day of December, 2019
Assistant Custodian of Records

MEMBER WITH A LONG HISTORY OF MENTAL ILLNESS AND FAILED TO MONITOR THE FAMILY MEMBER'S COMPLIANCE AND MAINTAIN ADEQUATE MEDICAL RECORDS OF THE TREATMENT.

Investigations by TMB of Medical Malpractice

Section 164.201 of the Act requires that: the board review information relating to a physician against whom three or more malpractice claims have been reported within a five year period. Based on these reviews, the following investigations were conducted with the listed resolutions.

NONE

Status History

Status history contains entries for any updates to the individual's registration, licensure or disciplinary status types (beginning with 1/1/78, when the board's records were first automated). Entries are in reverse chronological order; new entries of each type supersede the previous entry of that same type. These records do not display status type. Should you have any questions, please contact our Customer Information Center at 512-305-7030 or verifcic@tmb.state.tx.us

Status Code: RB **Effective Date:** 10/18/2019
Description: UNDER BOARD ORDER

Status Code: AC **Effective Date:** 07/01/1981
Description: ACTIVE

Status Code: LI **Effective Date:** 06/01/1981
Description: LICENSE ISSUED

THE INFORMATION IN THIS BOX WAS REPORTED BY THE LICENSEE AND HAS NOT BEEN VERIFIED BY THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

Gender: MALE
***Ethnicity:** WHITE
Race: WHITE - of Hispanic origin
* We are in the process of transitioning from the current ethnic origin values to federal standards for race and Hispanic origin. The transition period will allow time for individuals to submit updated race and Hispanic origin data to the TMB.
Place of Birth: MEXICO
Current Primary Practice Address:
[redacted]
MEMORIAL HERMANN HOSPITAL
HOUSTON , TX 77339-3353

Years of Active Practice in the U.S. or Canada:
The physician reports that he/she has actively practiced medicine in the United States or Canada for **29** year(s).

Years of Active Practice in Texas:

The physician reports that, of the above years he/she has actively practiced in the State of Texas for **26** year(s).

Specialty Board Certification

The physician reports that he/she holds the following specialty certifications issued by a board that is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties or the Bureau of Osteopathic Specialists:

NONE

Primary Specialty

The physician reports his/her primary practice is in the area of PSYCHIATRY.

Secondary Specialty

The physician reports his/her secondary practice is in the area of GENERAL PRACTICE.

Name, Location and Graduation Date of All Medical Schools Attended

Name: NTL U OF MEXICO
Location: MEXICO CITY MEX
Graduation Date: 02/1962

Graduate Medical Education In The United States Or Canada

Program Name: WASHINGTON HOSPITAL
Location: WASHINGTON, DC
Type: FELLOWSHIP
Specialty: PSYCHIATRY
Begin Date: 06/1967
End Date: 06/1968

Program Name: ROCKLAND STATE HOSP
Location: PHILADELPHIA, PA
Type: RESIDENCY
Specialty: PSYCHIATRY
Begin Date: 06/1966
End Date: 09/1966

Program Name: SAINTE ANNE HOSPITAL
Location: PARIS FRANCE,
Type: RESIDENCY
Specialty: PSYCHIATRY
Begin Date: 10/1966
End Date: 06/1967

Program Name: UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Location: PHILADELPHIA, PA
Type: RESIDENCY
Specialty: PSYCHIATRY
Begin Date: 07/1963
End Date: 06/1966

Program Name: HAHNEMANN MEDICAL COLLEGE
Location: PHILADELPHIA, PA
Type: FELLOWSHIP
Specialty: CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY
Begin Date: 07/1962
End Date: 06/1963

Hospital Privileges

The physician reports that he/she has hospital privileges in the following in the State of Texas:

Hospital: MEMORIAL HERMANN HOSPITAL
Location: 6411 FANNIN HOUSTON TX

Hospital: AUSTIN OAKS HOSPITAL
Location: AUSTIN,TX

Utilization Review

The physician did not report whether he/she provides utilization review.

NONE REPORTED

Patient Services

Accessibility: The physician reports that the patient service area **is** accessible to persons with disabilities as defined by federal law.

Language Translation Services: The physician reports that the following language translation services are provided for patients: ENGLISH SPANISH FRENCH

Medicaid Participant: The physician reports that he/she **does** participate in the Medicaid program.

Awards, Honors, Publications and Academic Appointments

Optional Information
The physician may optionally report descriptions of up to five such honors and has reported the following:

Description: PUBLISHED NEW BOOK 'STONERS IN AMERICA"

Description: 60 SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS (MEDICAL JOURNALS)

Description: SCIENTIFIC FORUM MEMBER DRUG FREE AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Description: BOARD OF INTERNATIONAL DRUG WATCH

Description: ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY, UNIVERSITY OF TX MEDICAL SCHOOL - HOUSTON, TX MEDICAL CENTER, HOUSTON, TX

Malpractice Information

Section 154.006(b)(16) of the Act requires that: a physician profile display a description of any medical malpractice claim against the physician, not including a description of any offers by the physician to settle the claim, for which the physician

was found liable, a jury awarded monetary damages to the claimant, and the award has been determined to be final and not subject to further appeal. The physician has the following reportable claims.

Description: SUIT FILED REGARDING A PATIENT THAT COMMITTED SUICIDE IN HOSPITAL. PATIENT HAD TRIED TO KILL ALL HER FAMILY BY BURNING THEIR HOUSE.CASE WAS SETTLED BY NOMINAL FEE

Criminal History

Self-Reported Criminal Offenses: The physician is required to report a description of (1) "any conviction for an offense constituting a felony, a Class A or Class B misdemeanor, or a Class C misdemeanor involving moral turpitude" and (2) "any charges reported to the board to which the physician has pleaded no contest, for which the physician is the subject of deferred adjudication or pretrial diversion, or in which sufficient facts of guilt were found and the matter was continued by a court of competent jurisdiction."

The physician has reported the following:

Description: NONE

Criminal history information is also obtained by TMB from the Texas Department of Public Safety. Resulting action, if any, will be reported under the TMB Action and Non-Disciplinary Restrictions section above.

Disciplinary Actions By Other State Medical Boards

The physician has reported the following:

Description: NONE

Physician Assistant Supervision

To obtain primary source verifications, click name

Description: NONE

Advanced Practice Nurse Delegation

To obtain primary source verifications, click name

Description: NONE

Summary of all License/Permit Types

Issue Date:	Type:
06/15/1981	LICENSED PHYSICIAN

LICENSE NO. G-0608

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF JOSE CARRANZA, M.D.	BEFORE THE TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

AGREED ORDER

On the 18 day of October, 2019, came on to be heard before the Texas Medical Board (the Board), duly in session, the matter of the license of Jose Carranza, M.D. (Respondent).

On September 17, 2019, Respondent appeared telephonically, without counsel, at an Informal Show Compliance Proceeding and Settlement Conference in response to a letter of invitation from the staff of the Board. The Board's representatives were Melissa Tonn, M.D., and James Dickerson, both members of a District Review Committee (Panel). Samer Shobassy represented Board staff.

BOARD CHARGES

Board staff charged Respondent with unprofessional conduct after it was discovered Respondent extensively prescribed controlled substances to a family member for years without establishing a physician-patient relationship and without maintaining a medical record.

BOARD HISTORY

Respondent has not previously received a disciplinary order or Remedial Plan from the Board.

Upon the recommendation of the Board's representatives and with the consent of Respondent, the Board makes the following Findings and Conclusions of Law and enters this Agreed Order.

FINDINGS

The Board finds the following:

1. General Findings:

a. Respondent received all notice required by law. All jurisdictional requirements have been satisfied. Respondent waives any defect in notice and any further right to notice or hearing under the Medical Practice Act, Title 3, Subtitle B, Texas Occupations Code (the Act) or the Rules of the Board.

b. Respondent currently holds Texas Medical License No. G-0608. Respondent was originally issued this license to practice medicine in Texas on June 15, 1981. Respondent is not licensed to practice in any other state.

c. Respondent is primarily engaged in the practice of General Medicine. Respondent is not board certified.

d. Respondent is 82 years of age.

2. Specific Panel Findings:

a. Respondent prescribed controlled substances to an out-of-state family member with long history of mental illness.

b. Respondent conceded he did not keep medical records documenting his treatment and prescribing to the family member, and admitted he should not have prescribed without keeping adequate records.

c. Respondent admitted he was not monitoring the family member's compliance and usage of the prescribed medication, nor its efficacy.

3. Mitigating Factors:

a. In determining the appropriate sanctions in this matter, the Panel considered the following mitigating factors:

i. Respondent's family member had a long history of severe mental illness which required frequent hospitalizations and was generally non-compliant with follow-up care upon discharge.

ii. Respondent has a long history of practice without incident and had no prior Board history.

iii. Respondent admitted he had learned from the situation and vowed to not prescribe to family again.

iv. Respondent has cooperated in the investigation of the allegations related to this Agreed Order.

v. Respondent neither admits nor denies the information given above.

vi. To avoid further investigation, hearings, and the expense and inconvenience of litigation, Respondent agrees to the entry of this Agreed Order and to comply with its terms and conditions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above Findings, the Board concludes that:

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent pursuant to the Act.

2. Section 107.052 of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent prescribing a dangerous drug or controlled substance for a purpose that is not a legitimate medical purpose as defined by the Board and prescribing to a known user.

3. Section 164.051(a)(1) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent committing an act prohibited under Section 164.052.

4. Section 164.051(a)(3) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's violation of a rule adopted under this Act, specifically Board Rule 165.1(a), failure to maintain an adequate medical record.

5. Section 164.051(a)(6) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's failure to practice medicine in an acceptable professional manner consistent with public health and welfare, as defined by Board Rules: 190.8(1)(C), failure to use proper diligence in one's professional practice; 190.8(1)(D), failure to safeguard against potential complications; and 190.8(1)(M), inappropriate prescription of dangerous drugs or controlled substances to oneself, family members, or others in which there is a close personal relationship.

6. Section 164.052(a)(5) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against Respondent based on Respondent's unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that is likely to deceive or defraud the public, as provided by Section 164.053, or injure the public, and further

defined by Board Rule 190.8(2)(R). commission of a federal and state law whether or not there is a complaint, indictment, or conviction, particularly any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude.

7. Section 164.053(a)(1) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a Respondent based on Respondent's commission of an act that violates any state or federal law if the act is connected with the physician's practice of medicine, particularly Texas Health and Safety Code (THSC) Sections 481.071(a), relating to prescribing controlled substances without a valid medical purpose, and 481.129(c), relating to prescribing controlled substances without a valid medical purpose, and controlled substance regulations under 37 TAC §§13.201 – 13.209.

8. Section 164.053(a)(3) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a Respondent based on Respondent's writing prescriptions for or dispensing to a person who the physician knew or should have known was an abuser of narcotic drugs, controlled substances, or dangerous drugs.

9. Section 164.053(a)(4) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a Respondent based on Respondent's writing false or fictitious prescriptions for: (A) dangerous drugs as defined by THSC Chapter 483; or (B) controlled substances scheduled in THSC Chapter 481, or the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. §801 et seq.).

10. Section 164.053(a)(5) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a Respondent based on Respondent's prescribing or administering a drug or treatment that is non-therapeutic in nature or non-therapeutic in the manner the drug or treatment is administered or prescribed.

11. Section 164.053(a)(6) of the Act authorizes the Board to take disciplinary action against a Respondent based on Respondent's prescribing, administering, or dispensing in a manner inconsistent with public health and welfare dangerous drugs as defined by THSC Chapter 483; or controlled substances scheduled in THSC Chapter 481, or the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 (21 U.S.C. § 801 et seq.).

12. Section 164.001 of the Act authorizes the Board to impose a range of disciplinary actions against a person for violation of the Act or a Board rule.

13. Section 164.002(a) of the Act authorizes the Board to resolve and make a disposition of this matter through an Agreed Order.

14. Section 164.002(d) of the Act provides that this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under the Texas Rules of Evidence for purposes of civil litigation.

ORDER

Based on the above Findings and Conclusions of Law, the Board ORDERS that Respondent shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall not possess, administer, dispense, or prescribe any controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse, except as is medically necessary for treatment of inpatients in a hospital setting where Respondent has privileges or practices medicine.

2. Respondent shall not treat or otherwise serve as a physician for Respondent's immediate family, and Respondent shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or authorize controlled substances or dangerous drugs with addictive potential or potential for abuse to Respondent or Respondent's immediate family. Respondent may self-administer or administer to Respondent's immediate family only such drugs as prescribed by another physician for legitimate medical purposes and in compliance with the orders and directions of such physician.

3. Within one year from the date of the entry of this Order, Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete at least four hours of continuing medical education (CME) in the topic of risk management, approved for Category I credits by the American Medical Association or American Osteopathic Association and approved in writing in advance by the Executive Director or an authorized designee. To obtain approval for the course, Respondent shall submit in writing to the Compliance Department information on the course, to include at least a reasonably detailed description of the course content and faculty, as well as the course location and dates of instruction. Respondent shall submit documentation of attendance and successful completion of this requirement to the Compliance Department on or before the expiration of the time limit set forth for completion of the course. The CME requirements set forth in this paragraph shall be in addition to all other CME required for licensure maintenance.

4. At all times while Respondent is under the terms of this Order, Respondent shall give a copy of this Order to all hospitals, nursing homes, treatment facilities, and other health care entities where Respondent has privileges, has pending an application for privileges, applies for privileges, or otherwise practices. Within 30 days of being first contacted by the Compliance Division of the Board following entry of this Order, Respondent shall provide to the Compliance Division of the Board documentation, including proof of delivery, that the Order was delivered to all such facilities.

5. Pursuant to Board rule 189.15, the time period of this Order shall be extended for any period of time that: (a) Respondent subsequently practices exclusively outside the State of Texas; (b) this Order is stayed or enjoined by Court Order; or (c) for any period of time longer than 60 consecutive days that Respondent does not actively practice medicine and such cessation in practice is NOT due to a suspension of Respondent's license. Respondent shall immediately notify the Board in writing in the event that Respondent leaves Texas to practice elsewhere or ceases active practice for more than 60 consecutive days. Upon Respondent's return to active practice or return to Texas, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing. Upon return to Texas or active practice, Respondent shall be required to comply with the terms of this Order for the period of time remaining on the Order. Respondent shall pay all fees for reinstatement or renewal of a license covering the period of extension or tolling. Tolling shall be in accordance with Board Rule 189.15.

6. Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of the Act and other statutes regulating the Respondent's practice.

7. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the Board and the Board staff, including Board attorneys, investigators, compliance officers, consultants, and other employees or agents of the Board in any way involved in investigation, review, or monitoring associated with Respondent's compliance with this Order. Failure to fully cooperate shall constitute a violation of this order and a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent pursuant to the Act.

8. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing of any change of Respondent's office or mailing address within 10 days of the address change. This information shall be submitted to the Registration Department and the Compliance Department of the Board. Failure to provide such information in a timely manner shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent pursuant to the Act. Respondent agrees that 10 days notice of a Probationer Show Compliance Proceeding to address any allegation of non-compliance of this Agreed Order is adequate and reasonable notice prior to the initiation of formal disciplinary action. Respondent waives the 45-day notice requirement provided by §164.003(b)(2) of the Medical Practice Act and agrees to 10 days notice, as provided in 22 Texas Administrative Code §187.44(4).

9. Any violation of the terms, conditions, or requirements of this Order by Respondent shall constitute unprofessional conduct likely to deceive or defraud the public, or to injure the public, and shall constitute a basis for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent pursuant to the Act.

10. Respondent shall be permitted to supervise and delegate prescriptive authority to physician assistants and advanced practice nurses and to supervise surgical assistants.

11. The above-referenced conditions shall continue in full force and effect without opportunity for amendment, except for clear error in drafting, for one year following the date of the entry of this Order. If, after the passage of the one-year period, Respondent wishes to seek amendment or termination of these conditions, Respondent may petition the Board in writing. The Board may inquire into the request and may, in its sole discretion, grant or deny the petition without further appeal or review. Petitions for modifying or terminating may be filed only once a year thereafter.

RESPONDENT WAIVES ANY FURTHER HEARINGS OR APPEALS TO THE BOARD OR TO ANY COURT IN REGARD TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS AGREED ORDER. RESPONDENT AGREES THAT THIS IS A FINAL ORDER.

THIS ORDER IS A PUBLIC RECORD.

(SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW)

I, JOSE CARRANZA, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING AGREED ORDER. I UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS. I SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY. I UNDERSTAND THIS AGREED ORDER CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

DATED: October 10, 2019.

Jose Carranza MD

JOSE CARRANZA, M.D.
Respondent

STATE OF Texas §
§
COUNTY OF Harris §

SWORN TO AND ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this 10 day of October, 2019.

Signature of Notary Public

(Notary Seal)

SIGNED AND ENTERED by the presiding officer of the Texas Medical Board on this 18 day of October, 2019.

Sherif Z. Zaafran, MD, President
Texas Medical Board

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF TRAVIS

I, Christy Rodgers, certify that I am an official assistant custodian of records for the Texas Medical Board and that this is a true and correct Copy of the original, as it appears on the file in this office.

Witness my official hand and seal of the BOARD.

This 3rd, Day of December, 2019

Assistant Custodian of Records