BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE IN THE MATTER OF PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE

OF

ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

SUMMONS

TO: Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D.
Dream Weight Clinic
1060 E County Line Road
Suite 1A
Ridgeland, MS 39157

LICENSE NUMBER 26900

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure in its Executive Conference Room, 1867 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite 200-B, Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, on Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 10:00 A.M., to answer the charges filed against you in the matter now pending before this Board. The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, charged by law with the licensing of medical doctors in this state, under Title 73, Chapter 25, Miss. Code Ann. charges that you, a physician duly licensed under the authority of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure and the laws of the State of Mississippi, are guilty of violating the Agreement Not to Practice (ANTP) effective on November 20, 2024 by continued practice of medicine violating multiple paragraphs of the ANTP. The Board further charges that you have continued to delegate your dispensing authority to your staff in violation of Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29(8)(d) and (13). Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-89 and the Agreement Not to Practice, the Board may

immediately prohibit you from the practice of medicine pending a hearing or take any other action in relation to your license as the Board may deem proper under the circumstances.

The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure further advises that you have the right to be present at the hearing, to be represented by counsel, to produce witnesses or evidence on your behalf, to cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoenas issued on your behalf by this Board.

You are further advised that, pursuant to the Board's Rules of Procedure, you must file an answer or response to this Summons and supporting Affidavit within fifteen (15) days of the date you receive the same or all matters asserted therein shall be deemed admitted. A full text of the Board's Rules of Procedure can be found at the Board's website www.msbml.ms.gov or can be obtained from the Board office.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, this the 28th day of March

2025.

Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.

Executive Director

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

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ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

I, Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., have been named as a Respondent to the above-styled and numbered cause before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (MSBML), and have been served with a copy of the Summons dated March 28, 2025; Order of Temporary Action Pending Hearing dated March 28, 2025; Determination of Need for Temporary Action, dated March 28, 2025; Affidavit of Christa Garnett, dated March 27, 2025; and Affidavit of Catina White dated March 28, 2025; all duly filed by MSBML.

THIS, the 10th day of April, 2025.

ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

APRROVED:

/s/ William C. Bell

William Bell, Attorney for Dr. Asagwara

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE OF ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

ORDER OF TEMPORARY ACTION PENDING HEARING

WHEREAS, Rommel Asagwara, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," currently holds Mississippi License Number 26900, said license is valid until June 30, 2025;

WHEREAS, Licensee executed an Agreement Not to Practice on November 20, 2024, wherein he agreed, *inter alia*, to refrain from the practice of medicine and to obey all federal, state, and local laws and regulations;

WHEREAS, in the Agreement Not to Practice Licensee specifically acknowledged his understanding and acceptance "that any violation(s) of this agreement will result in the immediate suspension of my license but with the right to a post-discipline hearing within 15 days pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. Section 73-25-89";

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (Board) has evidence in its possession indicating that Licensee has violated the Agreement Not to Practice executed, agreed, signed, and effective on November 20, 2024;

WHEREAS, the Board has evidence in its possession indicating that Licensee has violated prescribing and dispensing regulations;

WHEREAS, by virtue of violation(s) of the aforementioned Agreement, the Board has the authority to prohibit Licensee from practicing medicine until such time as the Board determines after a full evidentiary hearing that Licensee may return to the practice of medicine;

WHEREAS, Licensee's conduct violates Miss. Code Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, is Unprofessional Conduct pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(8)(d) and further violates Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-29(13).

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to the aforementioned authority, Mississippi Physician's License number 26900, issued to Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., is hereby <u>suspended</u> pending the outcome of a hearing scheduled for April 3, 2025. Licensee is prohibited from practicing medicine, either directly or indirectly, or otherwise offering any medical advice or services to patients.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Order shall be sent by certified mail or personally served upon Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., and shall be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

ORDERED this the 281

of March 2025

Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure

Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.

Executive Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN LICENSE OF ROMMEL IJEOMA ASAGWARA, M.D.

DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR TEMPORARY ACTION

WHEREAS, the Board has in its possession evidence indicating that Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," executed an Agreement Not to Practice ("ANTP") on November 20, 2024, with The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure (the "Board"), but has violated said agreement by continuing to practice medicine. Licensee's continued practice of medicine violates multiple paragraphs of the ANTP. Further, Licensee has continued to delegate his dispensing authority to his staff in violation of Part 2640, Ch. 1, Rule 1.9, all in violation of Miss. Code Ann. 73-25-29(8)(d) and (13). These violations support the conclusion that Licensee's continued practice of medicine, in violation of the ANTP, the prescribing and dispensing regulations, and the Medical Practice Act represents an immediate danger to public health and safety. Facts supporting this finding are set forth in the Affidavit of Christa Garnett, Certified Investigator for the Board, and the Affidavit of Catina White, PharmD, MBA, both of which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned evidence the undersigned concludes and makes the determination and finding that Licensee's continuation in the practice or unrestricted practice of medicine, including practice in violation of prescribing and dispensing regulations, constitutes an immediate danger to public health and safety, and Licensee should be immediately prohibited from the practice of medicine pending a hearing pursuant to authority granted in the Agreement Not to Practice executed by Licensee as well as Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-89.

IT IS ORDERED, that a copy of this Determination shall be sent by certified mail or personally served upon Rommel Ijeoma Asagwara, M.D., and shall be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

ORDERED, this the 28t day of March, 2025.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE

Kenneth E. Cleveland, M.D.

Executive Director