## BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

...

HARLEY M. BLANK, M.D.

## **ENTRY OF ORDER**

On October 25, 2018, Harley M. Blank, M.D., executed a Retirement/Surrender of his license to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio with consent to permanent revocation, which document is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein.

Wherefore, upon ratification by the Board of the retirement/surrender, it is hereby ORDERED that Certificate No. 35.027415 authorizing Harley M. Blank, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be permanently REVOKED.

This Order is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 14th day of November 2018, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal.

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.

Secretary

(SEAL)

November 14, 2018

Date

## STATE OF OHIO THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD PERMANENT RETIREMENT/SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY

Do not sign this agreement without reading it. An individual who permanently surrenders a certificate issued by the Board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice or to apply to the Board for reinstatement of the certificate or issuance of any new certificate. You are permitted to be accompanied, represented and advised by an attorney, at your own expense, before deciding to sign this voluntary agreement.

- I, Harley M. Blank, M.D., am aware of my rights to representation by counsel, the right of being formally charged and having a formal adjudicative hearing, and do hereby freely execute this document and choose to take the actions described herein.
- I, Harley M. Blank, M.D., do hereby voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrender my certificate to practice medicine and surgery, License #35.027415, to the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board], effective on December 31, 2018, thereby relinquishing all rights to practice medicine and surgery in Ohio.

I understand that as a result of the surrender herein I am no longer permitted to practice medicine and surgery in any form or manner in the State of Ohio.

I agree that I shall be ineligible for, and shall not apply for, reinstatement or restoration of certificate to practice medicine and surgery License #35.027415 or issuance of any other certificate pursuant to the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio, on or after the date of signing this Permanent Retirement/Surrender of Certificate to Practice Medicine and Surgery. Any such attempted reapplication shall be considered null and void and shall not be processed by the Board.

I hereby authorize the State Medical Board of Ohio to enter upon its Journal an Order permanently revoking my certificate to practice medicine and surgery, License #35.027415, in conjunction with which I expressly waive the provision of Section 4731.22(B), Ohio Revised Code, requiring that six (6) Board Members vote to revoke said certificate, and further expressly and forever waive all rights as set forth in Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to my right to counsel, right to a hearing, right to present evidence, right to cross-examine witnesses, and right to appeal the Order of the Board revoking my certificate to practice medicine and surgery.

I, Harley M. Blank, M.D., hereby release the Board, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

This document shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code. Further, this information may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies. I, Harley M. Blank, M.D., acknowledge that my social security number will be used if this information is so reported and agree to provide my social security number to the Board for such purposes.

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I stipulate and agree that I am taking the action described herein in lieu of formal disciplinary proceedings pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(20), Ohio Revised Code, for "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provisions of this chapter or any rule promulgated by the board," to wit: General Provisions, Rule 4731-11-02, Ohio Administrative Code, related to prescribing controlled substances as a practicing OG-GYN to men and failing to keep any charts or patient records on these men, as well as my desire to cease active patient care after being licensed for more than fifty years.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

It is expressly understood that this Permanent Retirement/Surrender of Certificate is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Secretary and Supervising Member and shall become effective upon the last date of signature below. Further, I specifically acknowledge that the electronic transmission of a scanned or photostatic copy of any executed signature to this Permanent Retirement/Surrender of Certificate, upon being received by the Board, shall be deemed to have the full legal force and effect as the original.

HARLEY M. BLANK, M.D.  10/25/18  DATE	KIM G. ROTHERMEL, M.D. Secretary  11 - 14 - 18  DATE
ROBERT COCHRAM Attorney for Dr. Blank  10/25/18  DATE	BRUCE R. SAFERIN, D.P.M. Supervising Member  //-/4-/8  DATE  ADAM D. MEIGS Enforcement Attorney  /6/30//8  DATE