

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MEDICINE
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

ALEX PICKENS, M.D.

License Number: 43-01-038348

File Number: 43-16-139841

FINAL ORDER

On October 24, 2016, an Administrative Complaint (Complaint) was executed that charged Alex Pickens, M.D. (Respondent) with violating sections 16221(a) and 16221(b)(i) of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended; MCL 333.1101 et seq.

The Complaint notified Respondent that, pursuant to section 16231 of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent's failure to respond to the Complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt would be treated as an admission of the allegations contained in the Complaint and would result in transmittal of the Complaint directly to the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Michigan Board of Medicine (Disciplinary Subcommittee) for imposition of an appropriate sanction.

Contrary to section 16231 of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent failed to provide a written response to the allegations set forth in the Complaint within 30 days from the date of receipt.

The Disciplinary Subcommittee, having read the Complaint, considered this matter at a regularly scheduled meeting held in Lansing, Michigan on January 18, 2017 and imposed a sanction pursuant to section 16231 of the Public Health Code, supra. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that for violating sections 16221(a) and 16221(b)(i) of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is SUSPENDED for a minimum of six months and one day, commencing on the effective date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to section 7311(6) of the Public Health Code, supra, Respondent's controlled substance license is automatically void, commencing on the effective date that Respondent's license to practice medicine in the state of Michigan is suspended.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that reinstatement of a license which has been suspended for more than six months is not automatic and, in the event Respondent applies for reinstatement of the license, application for reinstatement may not be made sooner than 90 days prior to the end of the suspension period and shall be in accordance with sections 16245 and 16247 of the Public Health Code, supra.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that for the cited violations of the Public Health Code, Respondent is FINED \$10,000.00 to be paid to the state of Michigan prior to filing an application for reinstatement of the license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fine shall be mailed to the **Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Legal Affairs/Enforcement Division, Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, MI 48909**. The fine shall be paid by check or money order made payable to the State of Michigan, and the check or money order shall clearly display file number **43-16-139841**.

This Final Order is a public record required to be published and made available to the public pursuant to section 11(1)(a) of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, 1976 PA 442, as amended; MCL 15.241(1)(a); and this action may be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and any other entity as required by state or federal law, in accordance with 42 USC 11101 et seq.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Respondent violates any provision of this Order, the Disciplinary Subcommittee may proceed to take disciplinary action pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632 and section 16221(h) of the Public Health Code, supra.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be effective 30 days from the date signed by the Disciplinary Subcommittee's Chairperson or authorized representative, as set forth below.

Dated: 02/10/2017

**MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE**

By: Kim Gaedeke
Kim Gaedeke, Director
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