

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In re:) FIRST AMENDMENT TO
G. PAUL SAVIDGE, M.D.) CONSENT AGREEMENT
Complaint Nos. CR17-260,)
CR18-122)

This document is a First Amendment to Consent Agreement effective October 9, 2018, regarding disciplinary action imposed upon the license to practice medicine in the State of Maine held by G. Paul Savidge, M.D (“First Amendment”). The parties to this First Amendment are: G. Paul Savidge, M.D. (“Dr. Savidge”), the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”), and the Department of the Attorney General (the “Attorney General”). This First Amendment is entered into pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5).

BACKGROUND

1. On October 9, 2018, the parties entered into a Consent Agreement for discipline upon the license to practice medicine in the State of Maine held by Dr. Savidge (“the Consent Agreement”).
2. On February 12, 2019 the Board considered a monitoring report regarding Dr. Savidge’s compliance with the Consent Agreement and voted to offer Dr. Savidge this First Amendment. Absent acceptance of this First Amendment by Dr. Shea by signing it and dating it in front of a notary and returning it to the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0137 on or before

March 11, 2019, the Board may take such further action it deems necessary.

AMENDMENT

3. Dr. Savidge, the Board, and the Department of the Attorney General hereby agree to amend the Consent Agreement dated October 9, 2018 by:

1) Amending paragraph 11(c)(5) to read as follows:

No later than March 14, 2019, Dr. Savidge shall submit for approval by the Case Reporter or designee the name of a Physician Practice Monitor. The Physician Practice Monitor must be currently engaged in treating opioid addiction and prescribing suboxone (buprenorphine) in an office-based treatment program, and may not have any prior disciplinary action by a state licensing board. Until probation or the requirements of this subparagraph are terminated by the Board, Dr. Savidge shall not practice medicine more than thirty (30) consecutive calendar days without an active approved physician monitor. Dr. Savidge must cease active practice immediately upon conclusion of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days without an active approved physician monitor and may not practice thereafter until he has received approval for a Physician Practice Monitor as required by this subparagraph. Dr. Savidge and an approved Physician Practice Monitor must notify the Board within three (3) business days of the

termination of the monitoring of Dr. Savidge by the Physician Practice Monitor or if for any reason the monitoring required by this subparagraph has ceased. The Physician Practice Monitor shall monitor Dr. Savidge's compliance with prescribing and medical recordkeeping standards. The monitoring and medical record review contemplated by this subparagraph may NOT occur solely by telephone, and must include in person communication at least quarterly or via HIPAA compliant shared portal access or interface. The Physician Practice Monitor must randomly select and review at least ten (10) patient charts each month. The Physician Practice Monitor shall submit written reports to the Board every two months following his/her approval. In the reports to the Board, the Physician Practice Monitor shall provide a summary of his or her monitoring activities, Dr. Savidge's compliance with universal precautions and buprenorphine product prescribing and medical recordkeeping standards, and shall identify any issues with medical decision-making or documentation. Dr. Savidge understands that the Physician Practice Monitor is an agent of the Board pursuant to 24 M.R.S. § 2511. Dr. Savidge shall permit the Physician Practice Monitor full access to his medical practice, including but not limited to all patient information. After receipt by the Board of at least six (6) Physician Practice Monitor reports, Dr. Savidge may request that

the Board modify or eliminate the requirements of this subparagraph. Upon receipt of such request, the Board shall review all information, and in its sole discretion, may maintain, modify, or eliminate the requirements of this subparagraph for any remaining period of probation. Dr. Savidge shall have a written plan for ensuring continuity of patient care in the event that he is unable to engage an approved Physician Practice Monitor and has to cease practicing.

4. Dr. Savidge acknowledges by his signature hereto that all other terms and conditions of the Consent Agreement effective October 9, 2018, as amended, remain in full force and effect.

5. Dr. Savidge acknowledges by his signature hereto that he has read this First Amendment, that he has had an opportunity to consult with an attorney before executing this First Amendment, that he executed this First Amendment of his own free will and that he agrees to abide by all terms and conditions set forth herein.

6. Dr. Savidge has been represented by Taylor D. Fawns, Esq., who has participated in the negotiation of the terms of this First Amendment.

I, G. PAUL SAVIDGE, M.D., HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE FOREGOING FIRST AMENDMENT AND AGREE WITH ITS CONTENTS AND TERMS. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS FIRST AMENDMENT, I WAIVE CERTAIN RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO A HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD. I SIGN THIS FIRST AMENDMENT VOLUNTARILY, WITHOUT ANY THREAT OR PROMISE. I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FIRST AMENDMENT CONTAINS THE ENTIRE AGREEMENT AND THERE IS NO OTHER AGREEMENT OF ANY KIND, VERBAL, WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE.

Dated: 3/11/2019

G Paul Savidge M.D
G. PAUL SAVIDGE, M.D.

STATE OF MAINE
Cumberland, SS.

Before me this 11th day of March, 2019, personally appeared G. Paul Savidge, M.D., who after first being duly sworn, signed the foregoing First Amendment to Consent Agreement in my presence or affirmed that the signature above is his own.


Taylor D. Fawns Bar #9169
~~Notary Public~~/Attorney at Law
My commission expires:

DATED: 3/11/2019

Taylor D. Fawns
TAYLOR D. FAWNS, ESQ.
Attorney for G. Paul Savidge, M.D.


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DATED: 3/12/19


MAROULLA S. GLEATON, M.D.,
Chairman

STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT
OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

DATED: March 12, 2019


MICHAEL MILLER
Assistant Attorney General

Effective Date: March 12, 2019