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In the Matter of:

No. 15-A-009

KEVIN GOVAN WORK, M.D.
(Certificate No. MD.025394)
Respondent

**ORDER FOR
REINSTATEMENT
OF MEDICAL LICENSE
ON PROBATION**

This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") at the request of Kevin Govan Work, M.D. ("Dr. Work") for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in Louisiana. Heretofore, by Interim Consent Order (the "Order") entered in 2016, Dr. Work's license was reinstated to an unrestricted status subject to specified terms, conditions and restrictions. The Order restricted Dr. Work from practicing for a minimum of one (1) year with other terms and conditions, including his successful passage of the Board Certification Examination in Obstetrics and Gynecology.¹ Dr. Work was unable to satisfy this requirement and advised the Board that he would like to be reinstated to work in the area of wound care.

Dr. Work's request was considered by the Board during its May 2017 meeting. Following a review of all information available, the Board is persuaded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by the reinstatement of the physician's license on probation subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions of his Interim Consent Order with the Board, as hereinafter modified by this Order. Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285, La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D) and the Order previously entered in this matter:

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Kevin Govan Work, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No.025394, is **REINSTATED ON PROBATION** for a period of two (2) years, from the effective date of this order; *provided, however,* that Dr. Work's medical license and his continuing exercise of rights and privileges granted to him thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of, and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

¹ *Interim Consent Order*, In the Matter of Kevin Govan Work, M.D., No. 15-A-009, La. St. Board Med. Exam. (Jan. 11, 2016, effective Mar. 1, 2016).

(1) **Limitation of Practice.** Dr. Work shall only engage in the practice of medicine in a setting approved by the Board or its designee in writing. Such practice setting shall not be one in which Dr. Work is a solo-practitioner.

(2) **Continuing Medical Education.** Dr. Work shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours per year for each of the two (2) years of his probationary period through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education ("CME") programs accredited by the American Medical Association. On or before the anniversary date of the effective date of this Consent Order, for each of the next two (2) years, Dr. Work shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding twelve (12) months.

(3) **Probation Monitoring Fee.** Dr. Work shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300) Dollars for each year of the probationary term. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the reinstatement of her license. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial payment.

(4) **Payment of Fines, Costs, and Fees.** Dr. Work shall pay the balance of his five thousand and no/100 (\$5,000.00) Dollars imposed on January 11, 2016 within nine (9) months of the date of this Order.

(5) **Sanction.** By his subscription hereto, Dr. Work acknowledges that his receipt of written notification from the Board that it has received apparently reliable information which indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without need for formal hearing or providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state pending the issuance of a decision by the Board following administrative adjudication of such charges.

(6) **Cooperation with the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer.** Dr. Work shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to her compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Consent Order.

(7) **Absence from State/Practice/Effect on Probation.** Should Dr. Work at any time during the term of probation be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country or discontinue practicing medicine for a period of thirty (30) days or more, or should he fail to renew his license to practice medicine in this state, he shall advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary term ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof, shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence to run until Dr. Work notifies the Board in writing that he has returned to, relocated or taken up residency in, resumed practice, or renewed her Louisiana medical license.

In such instance, Dr. Work shall not receive credit toward completion of the probationary term for the time during which he was absent from the State of Louisiana or while he was not engaged or licensed to practice medicine in this state.

(8) Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms/Personal Appearance. At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary term Dr. Work shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order and he shall contact the Board and arrange for a personal appearance before the Board at its meeting preceding the expiration of his probationary term. The probationary term and all of its terms and conditions shall be, and shall be deemed to be, extended and continued in full force and effect pending Dr. Work's compliance with the requirements of this paragraph.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Work shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Work's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 20th day of June, 2017.

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By: K. Barton Farris
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