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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

**AARON T. GELFAND, M.D.**  
**LICENSE NO. 25MA06290200**

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY IN  
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**ORDER GRANTING UNRESTRICTED  
LICENSE**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of a petition from Aaron T. Gelfand, M.D., seeking to remove the conditions on his license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey.

By way of background, on July 13, 2011, Dr. Gelfand entered into a Consent Order of Temporary Suspension with the Board, after it was determined that he failed to comply the Professional Assistance Program of New Jersey ("PAP"). After Dr. Gelfand was able to demonstrate compliance with the PAP, on July 23, 2012, the

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Board entered into a Consent Order of Restricted Licensure with Dr. Gelfand, requiring him to continue to comply with a PAP monitoring program, and its terms and conditions.

On May 5, 2021, Dr. Gelfand appeared before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board to discuss his petition for the removal of the conditions on his license. Dr. Gelfand has been in documented recovery since October 2011. Additionally, he has been fully compliant with the PAP program, including random urine screens, attending AA meetings two to three times per week, and face-to-face follow-ups with PAP personnel.

Upon consideration of Dr. Gelfand's testimony and the documentation provided, the Board has concluded that good cause exists to grant Dr. Gelfand's request for an unrestricted license; and that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

**IT IS, therefore on this** 10<sup>th</sup> **day of** JUNE, 2021

**ORDERED THAT:**

1. Aaron Gelfand, M.D. is hereby granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

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By: **METZGER, Scott E., M.D.**

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Scott E. Metzger, M.D.  
President

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All Orders filed by the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are "government records" as defined under the Open Public Records Act and are available for public inspection, copying or Examination. See N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq., N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3). Should any inquiry be made to the Board concerning the status of a licensee who has been the subject of a Board Order, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the Order and a copy will be provided on request. Unless sealed or otherwise confidential, all documents filed in public actions taken against licensees, to include documents filed or introduced into evidence in evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications conducted as public hearings, and the transcripts of any such proceedings, are "government records" available for public inspection, copying or examination.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-22, a description of any final board disciplinary action taken within the most recent ten years is included on the New Jersey Health Care Profile maintained by the Division of Consumer Affairs for all licensed physicians. Links to copies of Orders described thereon are also available on the Profile website. See <http://www.njdoctorlist.com>.

Copies of disciplinary Orders entered by the Board are additionally posted and available for inspection or download on the Board of Medical Examiners' website. See <http://njconsumeraffairs.gov/bme>.

Pursuant to federal law, the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank (the "NPDB") certain adverse licensure actions taken against licensees related to professional competence or conduct, generally including the revocation or suspension of a license; reprimand; censure; and/or probation. Additionally, any negative action or finding by the Board that, under New Jersey law, is publicly available information is reportable to the NPDB, to include, without limitation, limitations on scope of practice and final adverse actions that occur in conjunction with settlements in which no finding of liability has been made. Additional information regarding the specific actions which the Board is required to report to the National Practitioner Data Bank can be found in the NPDB Guidebook issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in April 2015. See <http://www.npdb.hrsa.gov/resources/npdbguidebook.pdf>.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, in any case in which the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, the Board is required to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

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