

BEFORE THE GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CRYSTAL FELITA BARNWELL, MD,
License No. 42997,

Respondent.

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DOCKET NO:

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PUBLIC CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the Georgia Composite Medical Board (“Board”) and CRYSTAL FELITA BARNWELL, MD (“Respondent”) the following disposition of this disciplinary matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Administrative Procedure Act, O.C.G.A § 50-13-13(a)(4), as amended.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1.

Respondent is licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia and was so licensed at all times relevant to the matters asserted herein.

2.

On or about April 8, 2022, the Board received a complaint regarding Respondent’s treatment of Patient Z.B. Patient Z.B.’s medical records were subpoenaed by the Board and sent to a peer reviewer. The Board concluded, as to Respondent’s diagnosis and treatment of Patient Z.B, the standard of care was met. However, Respondent’s documentation did not meet the standard of care in two ways: 1) Individual medical diagnoses should be separated to simplify focus of treatment/course of action, and 2) Outdated patient histories should be removed from current-day visits.

3.

Respondent admits the above findings of fact and waives any further findings of fact with respect to the above-styled matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent's conduct, if proven, constitutes sufficient grounds for the imposition of discipline upon her license to practice as a licensed physician in the State of Georgia, under O.C.G.A. Title 43, Chapters 1 and 34, as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to the above-styled matter.

ORDER

1.

The Board, having considered all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, hereby orders, and Respondent hereby agrees, that his license to practice medicine as a physician in the State of Georgia shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Fine. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board a fine in the amount of **three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00)**. Such fine shall be payable by cashier's check or money order made payable to the Georgia Composite Medical Board and shall be submitted via mail to: Jason S. Jones, Executive Director, Georgia Composite Medical Board, 2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, East Tower, 11th Floor, Atlanta, GA 30334. **Failure to pay the fine within the stated time period shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent's license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2. Coursework. Within **ninety (90) days** of the docket date of this Consent Order, Respondent shall complete **ten (10) hours** of continuing medical education (“CME”) on **recordkeeping** and **five (5) hours** of CME on **prescribing**. Said course shall not be used as CME hours for renewal. Documentation for approval and for evidencing completion of coursework may be sent to Latisha Bias, Director of Compliance, via email to latisha.bias@dch.ga.gov, or as otherwise directed by the Board. **Failure to submit the required documentation, within the stated time period, shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order and shall subject Respondent’s license to further disciplinary action, including revocation.**

2.

In addition to and in conjunction with any other sanction contained herein, this Consent Order and dissemination thereof shall serve as a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** to the Respondent for Respondent’s conduct.

3.

If the Respondent shall fail to abide by all state and federal laws relating to drugs and regulating the practice of medicine in the State of Georgia, the Rules and Regulations of the Georgia Composite Medical Board, the terms of this Consent Order, or if it should appear from information received by the Board that the Respondent is unable to practice as a physician with reasonable skill and safety, Respondent's license may be further sanctioned or revoked, upon substantiation thereof.

4.

Respondent acknowledges that he has read this Consent Order and understands its contents. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will not become effective until approved by the Georgia Composite Medical Board and docketed by the Board. Respondent further understands and agrees that the Board shall have the authority to review the investigative file and all relevant evidence in considering this Consent Order. Respondent understands that this Consent Order, once approved and docketed, shall constitute a public record, evidencing disciplinary action by the Board. However, if the Consent Order is not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the Board's ability to adjudicate this matter. The Respondent hereby consents to the terms and sanctions contained herein.

Approved this 10th day of February, 2026.

[Signatures on Following Page]



GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

BY: Kathryn K. Cheek, MD
KATHRYN CHEEK, MD
Chairperson

ATTEST: J. S. Jones
JASON S. JONES
Executive Director

CONSENTED TO: Crystal Felita Barnwell, MD
CRYSTAL FELITA BARNWELL, MD
Respondent

[As to the Signature of Crystal Felita Barnwell, MD]
Sworn to and subscribed before me
this 9 day of January, 2025 6

[Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: November 21, 2028

