

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND)		
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION)		
of the State of Illinois,)	Complainant.	
v.)		No. 2025-05730
Serafino G. Sauro, M.D.)		
License No. 036-159409 [REDACTED],)	Respondent.	

CONSENT ORDER

The Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois, by Vladimir Lozovskiy, one of its attorneys, (hereinafter the “Department”) and Serafino G. Sauro, M.D. (hereinafter the “Respondent”) by Michael K. Goldberg, his attorney, hereby agree to the following:

STIPULATIONS

Serafino G. Sauro, M.D. is licensed as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of Illinois, holding Illinois Physician and Surgeon License No. 036-159409 and [REDACTED]. Said Illinois Physician and Surgeon License is currently on Indefinite Probation since February 2022 based on Respondent’s failure to complete residency program at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria, Family Residency Program after he was dismissed from aforementioned residency in July 2020 while on probation related to ongoing lack of professional conduct. Said Illinois Controlled Substance License is currently in active unrestricted status. At all times material to the matter(s) set forth in this Consent Order, the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation, of the State of Illinois had jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties herein.

Information has come to the attention of the Department indicating that Respondent inappropriately prescribed Controlled Substances to patients of his prior practice without taking

into consideration red flags and aberrant behaviors exhibited by said patients. The allegation(s) as set forth herein, if proven to be true, would constitute grounds for suspending, revoking or other discipline of Respondent's license as a Physician and Surgeon, on the authority 225 Illinois Compiled Statutes, Paragraph 60/22(A)(5), (17) and (33).

Subsequently, the Department and Respondent, through his attorney, Michael K. Goldberg, engaged in negotiations for an amicable resolution of this matter. Respondent acknowledges that should this matter proceed to a contested hearing, the Illinois State Medical Board (the "Board") could find multiple violations of the Medical Practice Act. In addition, Respondent acknowledges that for the purpose of any future restoration proceedings or as an aggravating factor in determining a sanction for a subsequent violation, the allegations related to inappropriate prescribing of Controlled Substances to patients of his prior practice without taking into consideration red flags and aberrant behaviors will be deemed true. Respondent has been advised of the right to a hearing to contest the allegations and the right to Administrative Review of any Order resulting from a hearing. Respondent knowingly waives each of these rights, as well as any right to administrative review of this Consent Order. Such waiver ceases if this Consent Order is rejected by either the Director or the Illinois State Medical Board. Respondent acknowledges that she has freely and willfully entered into this Consent Order without any threat or coercion by any person. Respondent has not relied upon any representation by or on behalf of the Department other than those set forth herein.

Respondent and the Department have agreed, in order to resolve this matter, that Respondent, Serafino G. Sauro, M.D., be permitted to enter into a Consent Order with the Department, providing for the imposition of disciplinary measures which are fair and equitable under the circumstances and which are consistent with the best interests of the people of the State of Illinois.

CONDITIONS

WHEREFORE, the Department, through Vladimir Lozovski, its attorney, and Serafino G. Sauro, M.D., Respondent, through Michael K. Goldberg, his attorney, agree:

A. Upon effective date of this Consent Order, Illinois Physician and Surgeon License of Serafino G. Sauro, M.D., License No. 036-159409, is hereby suspended for thirty (30) days and thereafter placed on indefinite probation for minimum of three (3) years;

B. Upon effective date of this Consent Order, Illinois Controlled Substance License of Serafino G. Sauro, M.D., License No. [REDACTED], is hereby indefinitely suspended for a minimum of twelve (12) months;

C. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall provide the Department with quarterly reports which include: (i) current residential address and contact telephone number as well as current practice location address and contact telephone number; (ii) address and contact information for each healthcare entity where Respondent has admitting privileges and/or employed; (iii) names of all the subordinates that are employed and/or supervised by Respondent during the reporting quarter; (iv) description of job duties, responsibilities and name of immediate supervisor and/or Department's Chairperson; (v) copy of any and all incident reports within the prior quarter filled against Respondent; and (vi) information, regarding any arrests, criminal, or civil actions filed, including DUI and/or other similar offenses against the Respondent; (vii) Respondent shall notify the Department of any adverse action taken against him related to the practice of medicine by another entity including but not limited to licensing authorities, insurance companies, and state and federal agencies, within five (5) days of said adverse action; and (viii) Respondent shall notify the Department when he is the subject of any investigation initiated by another entity, including but not limited to licensing authorities, insurance

companies, and state and federal agencies, within five (5) days of said investigation;

D. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall notify the Department's Chief of Probation Investigations in writing of any change in employment and/or home address and/or telephone number within five (5) days;

D. During a period of Probation, Respondent is not allowed to work in solo practice. Respondent can only work in a group-setting with one or more Physician and Surgeons that have unrestricted Physician and Surgeon Licenses that has never been disciplined by any state and/or federal agencies. Said practice setting shall be pre-approved in writing by the Department's Chief Medical Coordinator;

E. Prior to engaging and/or changing employment that requires utilization of Illinois Physician and Surgeon License, Respondent has to obtain a written pre-approval of the setting from the Department's Chief Medical Coordinator;

F. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall request the designated person from every healthcare entity, where he is practicing medicine/utilizing his Physician and Surgeon License, to submit quarterly reports to the Department regarding any issues arising out of his employment and practice of medicine;

G. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall be prohibited from: (i) being a supervising physician for any Physician Assistants; (ii) being a collaborating physician for any Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; (iii) working in nursing home and/or home care setting; and (iv) telemedicine setting;

H. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall continue to utilize services of the Department's Pre-approved Practice Monitor. Said practice monitor cannot be affiliated with Respondent's practice. Said practice monitor shall have an unrestricted Illinois Physician and Surgeon License that has never been disciplined by any state and/or federal

agencies. The practice monitor shall be hired at the expense of Respondent and shall be pre-approved by the Chief Medical Coordinator of the Department. Respondent shall request that his practice monitor submit quarterly reports about scope and performance appraisals. Respondent and his practice monitor shall meet on quarterly basis and randomly select and review ten (10) charts of patients who have been seen by Respondent during the quarter. The practice monitor shall review the charts of those patients and submit independent quarterly reports to the Department evaluating the scope, appropriateness, and quality of medical care rendered by Respondent.

I. During a period of Probation, the practice monitor shall agree to inform the Department immediately if there is evidence of inappropriate behavior, professional misconduct, a violation of Respondent's probation or any violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine;

J. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall notify the Department's Probation Unit within 10 (ten) days should his relationship with any practice monitor cease. Respondent shall submit to the Department's Chief Medical Coordinator a name of a new practice monitor within 30 days from the date of the initial Notice as described above;

K. During a period of Probation, Respondent shall annually submit a proof of completion of ten (10) Category I CMEs in professional responsibility/medical ethics; ten (10) Category I CMEs in Controlled Substance prescribing and five (5) Category I CMEs in addiction medicine. Said CMEs are not allowed to be counted towards regularly required CMEs pursuant to the Illinois Medical Practice Act;

L. Respondent shall ensure that all the reports required to be submitted under the terms of this Probation shall be filed with the Department no later than 1/10, 4/10, 7/10 and 10/10 of each year during the full term of the Probation;

M. Respondent agrees that a violation of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order or a violation of the terms of probation is a violation of 225 ILCS 60/22(A)(15);

N. Respondent shall not violate the Illinois Medical Practice Act of 1987, any other federal and state laws related to the practice of medicine as well as any other federal and state laws;

O. If Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Order, the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation may issue an Order forthwith mandating the automatic, immediate, indefinite suspension of Respondent's Illinois Physician and Surgeon License for a minimum of twelve (12) months. This indefinite suspension shall not preclude the Department from taking any other disciplinary or other actions it deems appropriate. In the event Respondent contests in writing (by the filing of an appropriate petition with the Department) the factual basis underlying said indefinite suspension within thirty (30) days of the imposition thereof, then Respondent shall be afforded a hearing on the merits within thirty (30) days from filing of said petition;

P. Upon effective date of this Consent Order, this Consent Order will replace any and all terms and conditions of February 2022 DPR Consent Order Case No. 2021-05534;

Q. This Consent Order is a final administrative order. Consent Order shall become effective on February 6, 2026, after it is approved by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation of the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

12/31/2025

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Vladimir Lozovsky, Attorney for the Department

12/29/25
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Serafino G. Sauru, M.D., Respondent

12/30/25
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Michael K. Goldberg, Attorney for Respondent

1/7/2026
DATE

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Member, Illinois State Medical Board

The foregoing Consent Order is approved in full.

DATED THIS 9th day of January, 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of
the State of Illinois, Mario Treto, Jr., Secretary
Division of Professional Regulations

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Camile Lindsay, Director

RE: Case No. 2025-05730/ License No. 036-159409 and 336-118374