BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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In the Matter of

MONEIL PATEL, M.D.

In the State of Arizona.

Holder of License No. 44593

For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine

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Case No. MD-23-0231A

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR PRACTICE RESTRICTION

INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT

Moneil Patel, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction and consents to the entry of this Order by the Arizona Medical Board ("Board").

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 44593 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.
- 3. The Board initiated case number MD-23-0231A after receiving a report from the Arizona Department of Health Services ("DHS") that Respondent may have failed to query the Controlled Substance Prescription Monitoring Program ("CSPMP") when certifying patients for Medical Marijuana Certificates ("MMC").
- 4. From July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, Respondent issued 160 certifications for medical marijuana but did not perform any queries to the CSPMP.
- 5. From January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023, Respondent issued 67 medical marijuana certifications but did not perform any queries to the CSPMP.

- 6. Respondent's access to the CSPMP has been suspended by the Arizona State Board of Pharmacy due to an Interim Practice Restriction prohibiting Respondent from prescribing controlled substances issued in case MD-20-1037A.
- 7. During the course of the Board's investigation, Respondent reported that CSPMP queries are performed by the Clinic Medical Director. Respondent did not provide the name of the Medical Director and patient logs produced to Board staff did not provide sufficient patient identifying information to verify Respondent's claims. Respondent has informed Board staff that he does not intend to comply with requests for information.
- 8. The aforementioned information was presented to the investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member. All reviewed the information and concur that the interim consent agreement to restrict Respondent's practice is appropriate.
- 9. The investigation into this matter is pending and will be forwarded to the Board promptly upon completion for review and action.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) the Executive Director has authority to enter into a consent agreement when there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety.
- 3. Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-504, the Executive Director may enter into an interim consent agreement when there is evidence that a restriction is needed to mitigate imminent danger to the public's health and safety. Investigative staff, the Board's medical consultant and the lead Board member have reviewed the case and concur that an interim consent agreement is appropriate.

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INTERIM ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-1401(22) until Respondent applies to the Executive Director and receives permission to do so.
- 2. Respondent may request, in writing, release and/or modification of this Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent's request must be accompanied by information demonstrating that Respondent is safe to practice medicine. The Executive Director, in consultation with and agreement of the lead Board member and the Chief Medical Consultant, has the discretion to determine whether it is appropriate to release Respondent from this Interim Consent Agreement.
- 3. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action based upon any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement, including, but not limited to, summarily suspending Respondent's license.
- 4. Because this is an Interim Consent Agreement and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigation, it is subject to further consideration by the Board. Once the investigation is complete, it will be promptly provided to the Board for its review and appropriate action.
- 5. This Interim Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date signed by the Board's Executive Director.

DATED this	2nd	day of	October, 2024.
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ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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Executive Director

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

- 1. The Board, through its Executive Director, may adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1405(C)(25) and A.A.C. R4-16-504.
- 2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.
- 3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the Interim Consent Agreement.
- 4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding this or any other pending or future investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent also understands that acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision, or officer of this State from instituting civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject of this Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent further does not

relinquish Respondent's rights to an administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration, judicial review or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to a final disposition of this matter, unless Respondent affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of this matter.

- 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke Respondent's acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any modifications to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually approved by the parties in writing.
- 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not become effective unless and until it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.
- 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board's Executive Director does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent will not assert in any future proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.
- 8. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
- 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not alleviate Respondent's responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and rules. If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's allopathic medical license comes up for renewal, Respondent must renew the license if Respondent wishes to retain the license. If Respondent elects not to renew

	the license as prescribed by statute and rule, Respondent's license will not expire but			
1	the license as prescribed by statute and rule, respectively to be rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become suspended until the Board takes			
2	rather, by operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become support for Respondent to be			
3	final action in this matter. Once the Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be			
4	licensed in the future, Respondent must submit a new application for licensure and meet			
5	all of the requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.			
6	10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent			
7	Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(s) ("[v]iolating			
8	a formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the			
9	board or its executive director under this chapter.").			
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11	MONEIL PATEL, M.D. DATED:			
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15	EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing e-mailed			
16	this 2nd day of October, 2024 to:			
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18	Moneil Patel, M.D. Address of Record			
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20	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 2 nd day of october , 2024 with:			
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25	Board staff			