COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS. Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2022-022

In the Matter of

JULIE F. DELEO, M.D.

**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges that JULIE F. DELEO, M.D. (Respondent) has practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket number associated with this order to show cause isDocket No. 20-059.

# Biographical Information

1. The Respondent graduated from Brown University School of Medicine in 1992. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 220972 since 2004, but she has never practiced in the Commonwealth. She is Board-certified in Internal Medicine and maintains a practice at South Coast Health in Portsmouth, Rhode Island.

Factual Allegations

1. Patient A’s mother disclosed to the Respondent that Patient A was incarcerated, charged with a drug felony, and unable to report to work.
2. At the mother’s request, the Respondent signed a note on her practice’s letterhead to Patient A’s employer stating he would be unable to work from November 13, 2018 to November 28, 2018.
3. The Respondent did not see or treat Patient A during this time and was aware of no medical reason for him to be unable to report to work.
4. On or about October 9, 2019, the Respondent signed a Consent Order with the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline for a Reprimand, a requirement that she take eight hours of ethics courses, and pay $850 in administrative fees for violating R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-37-5.1(8), which defines “unprofessional conduct” as including “[w]illfully making and filing false reports or records in the practice of medicine.”
5. The Rhode Island Consent Order is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

Pursuant to 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)12, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has been disciplined in another jurisdiction in any way by the proper licensing authority for reasons substantially the same as those set forth in M.G.L. c. 112, § 5 or 243 CMR 1.03(5). More specifically, in Massachusetts, the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board, that said physician has:

1. Practiced medicine deceitfully, or engaged in conduct that has the capacity to deceive or defraud, in violation of 243 CMR 1.03(5)(a)10; and
2. Engaged in conduct which undermines the public’s confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. See *Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); *Raymond v. Board of Registration in Medicine*, 387 Mass. 708 (1982).

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

# Order

Wherefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the Respondent show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Signed by Woody Giessmann

Woody Giessmann, LADC-I, CADC, ClP, AIS Acting Chair

Date: July 20, 2022

To obtain a copy of the out-of-state disciplinary order, please contact the appropriate state’s medical licensing board directly. A list of state medical boards and contact information is available at <https://www.fsmb.org/contact-a-state-medica-board/>. You may also obtain a copy of the out-of-state disciplinary order by submitting a public records request (PRR) with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine. PRR forms and additional information can be found at <https://www.mass.gov/board-of-registration-in-medicine-public-records>.