

**STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Edward Peter Durling, PA-C) Docket No. MPC 145-1019
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CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Edward Peter Durling, PA-C, and the State of Vermont, by and through Vermont Attorney General Thomas J. Donovan, Jr., and the undersigned Assistant Attorney General, Megan Campbell, and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Edward Peter Durling, PA-C (“Respondent”) holds Vermont medical license number 055-0030945 first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on January 7, 2009. Respondent is a Physician Assistant.
2. Jurisdiction in this matter vests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“the Board”), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 1731 - 1744, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Background

3. Respondent is presently being investigated by law enforcement authorities for possible violations of Vermont and United States laws related to his prescription practice. Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
4. Based on the above concerns, and for the welfare of his patients, Respondent has determined that he shall voluntarily enter into this Cessation of Practice Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Board and shall immediately refrain temporarily from any and all

practice of medicine until further order of the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice by him.

5. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 & 814. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c), so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.
6. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which is intended to serve as an interim means of affording Respondent the best possible opportunity to focus upon his personal circumstances while providing for the protection of the health and welfare of his patients.

Cessation of Practice

7. **It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following his execution of this Agreement, from any and all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.**
8. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, himself, family members or others after execution of this Agreement.

9. Respondent does not currently have an active U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (“DEA”) license to prescribe controlled substances. Respondent agrees that he will not seek to renew his DEA license while this Cessation of Practice Agreement is in effect.
10. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief, when the circumstances of Respondent’s personal circumstances so warrant. Respondent understands that if he desires to seek modification of relief, he must first present a written petition to the Central Investigative Committee (“the Committee”) of the Board requesting such modification or relief. Respondent agrees and understands that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent’s petition for modification or relief should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that in order for a petition for relief or modification to be granted, the Board must approve his request for relief or modification and issue an Order to that effect.

Express Provisions

11. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board to:
 - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;
 - b. Sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to him by the Board as to his medical records, treatment records, evaluations or assessments, legal matters, and court proceedings;
 - c. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for

patients, associates, himself, family members or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery; and

- d. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board.

General Provisions

12. Respondent assures and agrees that he shall provide his continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators. Respondent agrees that he shall execute any and all waivers that may be required for the Board, its staff or agents to conduct its investigation and review of circumstances. Respondent also agrees that the Board or its agents may communicate orally to obtain information from practitioners involved in his care and treatment.
13. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.
14. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §§1353, 1737, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by the Board.


15. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Cessation of Practice" upon approval by the Board.
16. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 7 above. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.
17. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

SIGNATURES

DATED at Montpelier, Vermont, this 4th day of November, 2019.

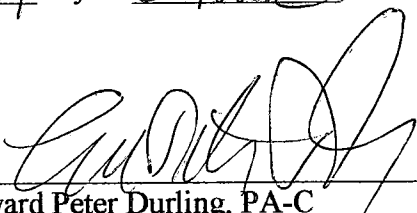
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DATED at Queensbury, NY, Vermont, this 24 day of October, 2019.



Edward Peter Durling, PA-C
Respondent

AS TO EDWARD PETER DURLING, PA-C

APPROVED AND ORDERED
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE

Patterson

W. J. [Signature]

Robert Testalini

D. [Signature]

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Miller

W. [Signature]

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DATED: November 16th, 2019

ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE: November 16th, 2019