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# State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals

Charlotte F. Martin, M.P.A. Executive Director

2023-I-035

## Louisiana Physical Therapy Board

IN THE MATTER OF
ADAM CASBORN JR., PTA
LICENSE NO. A7495

**NUMBER:** 

ADAM CASBORN, JR. ("Mr. Casborn" or "Respondent") is a Physical Therapist Assistant ("PTA"), as evidenced by License No. A7495, and is subject to the jurisdiction and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Practice Act (La. R.S. 37:2401, et seq.), and the Rules and Regulations of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board ("LPTB" or "Board") (LAC 46:LIV §103, et seq.), and enters in the following agreement relative to Complaint No. 2023-I-035.

CONSENT ORDER

### FACTUAL BASIS FOR CONSENT ORDER

- 1. Respondent received his Physical Therapist Assistant ("PTA") license, number A7495, on January 9, 2009.
- 2. On May 1, 2023, Respondent was selected for the continuing education audit for the 2023 renewal period. Upon review of the course certificates submitted, it was determined that several courses taken by Respondent, which were presented by MedBridge Education, were not approved in the year completed, as documented on his certificates of completion.
- 3. On May 16, 2023, the Board issued a letter via regular and certified mail to Respondent at his address registered with the Board in Abilene, Texas, notifying him of the non-compliance issue and requested a response within thirty (30) days of receipt.

- 4. After not receiving a timely response from Respondent to the May 16, 2023 letter, on July 10, 2023, the Board issued a notice to Respondent that an investigation was being conducted by the Board into his non-compliance, and requested that Respondent provide a response to the allegations within thirty (30) days.
- After not receiving a response from Respondent to the Board's July 10, 2023 notice letter, by correspondence dated September 5, 2023, the Board notified Respondent of the allegations against him, the potential laws and rules of the Board violated by his conduct, and that a an Informal Conference was being scheduled for September 21, 2023, to give Respondent an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for the retention of his license. Respondent did not appear for the Informal Conference.
- 6. On March 5, 2024, Respondent contacted the Board by email and advised that he moved and did not receive his mail from the Board. He advised that he held a license in Texas while he worked there, thus, he never worked without a current license. He further advised that he was now working for Veteran's Affairs in Birmingham, Alabama, and was licensed in Alabama as well.
- 7. On that same day, March 5, 2024, the Board issued a letter to Respondent at his new address advising that his Informal Conference was rescheduled to March 26, 2024.
- 8. Respondent attended the Informal Conference on March 26, 2024. During the Informal Conference, Respondent advised the committee that the continuing education courses that he took from MedBridge Education qualified for credit toward his continuing education requirements in Texas, and he was unaware that they did not qualify in Louisiana. He further advised that he did not bill for services under his Louisiana license during the time it was lapsed.

#### VIOLATIONS RELATED TO RESPONDENT'S CONDUCT

Respondent's conduct described above and otherwise reviewed in this action is subject to and/or in violation of the following provisions of law regarding his practice of physical therapy:

- 1. La. R.S. 37:2415(B) Each licensee is responsible for reporting a name change and changes in business and home address, telephone numbers, and e-mail address to the board within thirty days of such change.
- 2. La. R.S. 37:2420(A)(1) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (1) Practiced physical therapy in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, the rules of the board, or standards of practice.
- 3. La. R.S. 37:2420(A)(2) After due notice and hearing, the board may refuse to license any applicant, or may refuse to renew the license of any person, or may restrict, suspend, or revoke any license upon proof that the person has: (2) Attempted to or obtained a license by fraud or misrepresentation.

- 4. LAC 46:LIV §197(D) The board shall conduct an audit of the continuing education records of a number of the licensees to be determined by the board each renewal period. The board will notify licensees who are randomly selected for audit to determine compliance with the continuing education requirements. Licensees chosen for the audit shall submit to the board by the specified date copies of all records and documentation showing completion of the continuing education courses or activities previously submitted for fulfillment of continuing education requirements.
- 5. LAC 46:LIV §199(A) Noncompliance. Noncompliance with continuing education requirements includes, but is not limited to, incomplete reports, unsigned reports, unsigned verification of course or activity completion, failure to report a sufficient number of approved continuing education hours as defined in §193, or any other matters considered to be noncompliance by the board.
- 6. LAC 46:LIV §383(A)(1) Licensees shall cooperate with and assist the board in carrying out its duties. A licensee shall, among other matters: (1) respond or provide information or items requested, respond to a subpoena, comply to a request for a meeting, or complete an evaluation within the time designated by the board or its staff.

### **ORDER**

Pursuant to the foregoing Factual Basis for Consent Order and Violations Related to Respondent's Conduct, and, in order to avoid further administrative and judicial proceedings, Respondent and the Board, by vote of quorum, agree as follows:

- 1. Respondent's license to be engaged in the practice of physical therapy as a Physical Therapist Assistant, as evidenced by License No. A7495 is REPRIMANDED.
- 2. Respondent shall comply with continuing education audits for the two (2) renewal periods after the approval of this Consent Order. If Respondent is found to be non-compliant with the Board's continuing education requirements during the audit, then Respondent will be subject to further disciplinary action, as determined by the Board.
- Mr. Casborn shall pay the Board the sum of \$925.85 in partial reimbursement for legal and administrative expenses incurred in this matter. Failure to reimburse associated fees will require the Board to take further action in collection of this debt. Respondent has twelve (12) months to reimburse the expenses before the debt will be considered final and transferred to the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery (ODR). After transfer, the debt is subject to an additional collection fee of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total debt liability, as provided for in La. R.S. 47:1676(E).
- 4. Respondent shall comply with La. R.S. 37:2415(B) and notify the Executive Director of the Louisiana Physical Therapy Board in writing and prior to a change of residence to another country, state, or jurisdiction.
- 5. Respondent shall have reliable access to a computer, internet, and telephone. In accordance with Board Rule §385, Respondent shall provide to the Executive Director his preferred

telephone number and/or email address in writing for expedited communications regarding compliance with this Board Order within forty-eight (48) hours of signing the Consent Order. Respondent shall reply to Board emails and telephone calls within four (4) hours of such communication. Respondent shall notify the Executive Director in writing of any change to his preferred telephone number and/or email address immediately upon such change.

- 6. Respondent declares that, before signing this Consent Order, he is of sound mind, has carefully read this document, understands the contents, and freely consents to it as valid and binding upon him. He is aware of his right to a notice of hearing, to a formal administrative hearing and to judicial review of an administrative finding, and freely waives those rights. Further, he has had the opportunity to be represented by legal counsel in this matter and in the negotiation of this Agreement.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges that his failure to comply with any term of this Consent Order is a basis for the immediate summary suspension of his license and for further disciplinary action by the Board.
- 8. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order only addresses the specific violations outlined above. Further, the Board specifically reserves the right to further discipline Respondent based upon the outcome of the legal proceedings currently pending against him.
- 9. Respondent authorizes the Investigating Board Member, Phil Page, and legal counsel assisting the Investigating Board Members, to present this Consent Order to the full Board for its consideration and to fully disclose and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation. Respondent waives any objection to such disclosures under La. R.S. 49:977.2 and expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board shall be without prejudice to the Investigative Board Member's authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint against him, or to the Board's capacity, as currently comprised, or any future composition of the Board, to adjudicate such Complaint, should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order. Should the Board decline to approve this Consent Order, Respondent retains all rights to due process including, but not limited to, his right to have notice of any allegations or charges against him, to administrative adjudication of such allegations or charges, and to a subsequent final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law.
- 10. Respondent acknowledges that presentation to and consideration by the Board of this Consent Order, including presented documentary evidence and information, shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, as the Board is currently constituted, or any future appointments to the Board, from further participation in hearings or resolution to these proceedings.
- 11. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order becomes effective only upon signature by the Board Chair.
- 12. Respondent acknowledges that all communication(s) regarding compliance with and/or fulfillment of the requirements of this Consent Order shall be in writing between

Respondent and the Board Executive Director. No verbal communication(s) shall be considered proof of compliance or commitment. Respondent acknowledges that it is the responsibility of the Respondent to fully comply with the Consent Order and proactively communicate with the Board Executive Director.

I, ADAM CASBORN, JR., h	ave read this Consent Order, understand it, and agree to be
bound by its terms and conditions.	ALD Ch
	ADAM CASBORN, IR.
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AGREED AND ACCEPTE	D by official action of the Board, this 1/2 day of
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