

STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
BOARD OF MEDICINE
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of

ARVIND YEKANATH, M.D.
License No. 4301105161

Complaint No. 43-23-003786

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

A first superseding administrative complaint was filed with the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Board of Medicine on November 5, 2025, charging Arvind Yekanath, M.D. (Respondent) with having violated section 16221(b)(x) of the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*

The parties have stipulated that the Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter this consent order. The Disciplinary Subcommittee has reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of the outstanding complaint. Therefore, the Disciplinary Subcommittee finds that the allegations of fact contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent has violated section 16221(b)(x) of the Public Health Code.

Accordingly, for this violation, IT IS ORDERED:

Respondent is FINED \$250.00 to be paid to the State of Michigan within 60 days of the effective date of this order. The fine shall be paid electronically through Respondent's [MiPLUS account](#) or by mail with a check or money order directly to:

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Enforcement Division, Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, MI 48909. If the fine is paid by mail, the check or money order shall be made payable to the State of Michigan and shall clearly display complaint number 43-23-003786.

Respondent shall direct all communications, except fines, required by the terms of this order to: BPL-Monitoring@michigan.gov.

Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with this consent order.

Respondent shall be responsible for the timely compliance of this consent order. Failure to comply within the time limitations provided will constitute a violation of this order.

If Respondent violates any provision of this order, Respondent will be in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632, and section 16221(h) of the Public Health Code.

This order shall be effective 30 days from the date signed by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Subcommittee or the Disciplinary Subcommittee's authorized representative, as set forth below.

Signed on November 19, 2025

MICHIGAN BOARD OF MEDICINE

By Marshall Hobbs for
Chairperson
Disciplinary Subcommittee

STIPULATION

The parties stipulate as follows:

1. Respondent does not contest the allegations of fact and law in the complaint. Respondent understands that, by pleading no contest, he does not admit the truth of the allegations but agrees that the Disciplinary Subcommittee may treat the allegations as true for resolution of the complaint and may enter an order treating the allegations as true.

2. Respondent understands and intends that, by signing this stipulation, he is waiving the right under the Public Health Code, rules promulgated under the Public Health Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 et seq., to require the Department to prove the charges set forth in the complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the charges before the Disciplinary Subcommittee or its authorized representative. Should the Disciplinary Subcommittee reject the proposed consent order, the parties reserve the right to proceed to hearing.

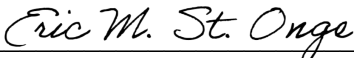
3. The Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter the above consent order. An attorney from the Licensing and Regulation Division may discuss this matter with the Disciplinary Subcommittee in order to recommend acceptance of this resolution.

4. The parties considered the following factors in reaching this agreement:
- A. As part of the Department’s investigation, Respondent voluntarily participated in nearly five hours of interviews with the Board’s investigator and produced contemporaneous exhibits and patient records.
 - B. Respondent submitted supporting materials from VA administrators and clinical colleagues attesting to his exceptional clinical care, ethical practice, professionalism, and commitment to Veteran patients. Colleagues described his willingness to take on complex cases in addition to an already heavy caseload. Respondent also submitted annual proficiency appraisals and performance awards, which reflect a strong history of clinical competence and professional performance during his VA career.
 - C. Respondent served as the sole psychiatric prescriber at a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC) seventy miles from the main facility. He also provided urgent telemedicine coverage at additional sites across the state for rural Veterans. During much of the period in question, Respondent provided care without hospital access or routine diagnostic data due to pandemic-related restrictions at those sites. Respondent faced significant technical and administrative barriers beyond his control, including unannounced telephone-clinic closures during the pandemic, abrupt loss of video-telehealth access, and network instability that impeded timely chart closure.
 - D. Many Veterans lacked the ability to use VA’s video-to-home telehealth platform, which required patients to download an app. When the main facility declined to apply a national VA standard to convert failed video encounters to telephone encounters, despite Respondent’s written requests, it placed him in an ethical bind (i.e., miscode or leave encounters open). He declined to miscode and escalated the issue in writing.
 - E. In May and July 2023, Federal oversight (OIG) inspections confirmed systemic operational deficiencies at Northern Arizona VA Health Care System, including misuse/misapplication of FPPE processes and deficiencies in network-infrastructure upgrades that compromised EMR functionality and workflow—concerns Respondent had contemporaneously documented.

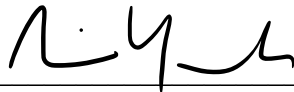
- F. Respondent voluntarily completed 19 hours of documentation-focused CME (not ordered or recommended by the Board); has been licensed since 2014 with no prior discipline against his license; is Board Certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (ABPN); and has never had a medical-malpractice judgment or payment made on his behalf.
- G. Respondent denies that the VA action was warranted but wishes to resolve this matter without the time and expense of engaging in an administrative hearing. Respondent retains full licensing privileges, with no limitations imposed.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the terms of the consent order.

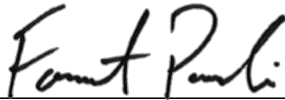
AGREED TO BY:


Eric M. St. Onge (P56630)
Assistant Attorney General
Attorney for Complainant
Dated: November 6, 2025

AGREED TO BY:


Arvind Yekanath, M.D.
Respondent

Dated. 11-6-25


Forrest M. Pasanski (P75636)
Attorney for Respondent
Dated: 11-6-2025

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FIRST SUPERSEDING ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Assistant Attorney General Eric M. St. Onge, on behalf of the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing (Complainant), files this first superseding administrative complaint against Arvind Yekanath, M.D. (Respondent), alleging upon information and belief as follows:

1. The Board of Medicine, an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*, is authorized to find that a licensee has violated the Code and impose sanctions through its Disciplinary Subcommittee under the Code.
2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan and holds a controlled substance license pursuant to the Code.
3. On February 12, 2023, Northern Arizona VA Health Care issued an administrative action concerning Respondent. The action was based on allegations of documentation deficiencies.

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4. The disciplinary action by the VA, as set forth above, constitutes a final adverse administrative action by a licensure, registration, disciplinary, or certification board involving the holder of, or an applicant for, a license or registration regulated by another state or territory of the United States, by the United States military, by the federal government, or by another country, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(x).

THEREFORE, Complainant requests that this complaint be served upon Respondent and that Respondent be offered an opportunity to show compliance with all lawful requirements for retention of the aforesaid licenses. If compliance is not shown, Complainant further requests that formal proceedings be commenced pursuant to the Public Health Code, the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, and associated administrative rules.

RESPONDENT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that, pursuant to section 16231(8) of the Public Health Code, Respondent has 30 days from receipt of this complaint to submit a written response to the allegations contained in it. Pursuant to section 16192(2) of the Code, Respondent is deemed to be in receipt of the complaint 3 days after the date of mailing listed in the attached proof of service. The written response shall be submitted by email to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing to LARA-BPL-RegulationSection@michigan.gov, with a copy mailed to the undersigned assistant attorney general. If unable to submit a response by email, Respondent may submit

by regular mail to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909, with a copy mailed to the undersigned assistant attorney general.

Pursuant to section 16231(9) of the Code, failure to submit a written response within the 30-day period shall be treated as an admission of the allegations contained in the complaint and shall result in transmittal of the complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee for imposition of an appropriate sanction.

FURTHER, the administrative complaint previously filed against Respondent on July 11, 2024, is hereby WITHDRAWN and replaced in full by this superseding complaint.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Eric M. St Onge*
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Dated: November 5, 2025