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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

Against:

MATTHEW OBIM OKEKE, M.D.,

Respondent.

Case No. 24-22461-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL PLAMINERS

COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Sarah A. Bradley, J.D., Deputy Executive Director and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that Matthew Obim Okeke, M.D., (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- 1. Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an active license to practice medicine the State of Nevada (License No. 14957). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on October 8, 2003.²
- 2. Respondent was not present in the United States from February 26, 2017, through March 11, 2017, September 27, 2017, through October 2, 2017, June 30, 2018, through July 7, 2018, and November 9, 2018, through November 23, 2018.
- 3. Patient A³ was a seventy-seven (77) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.

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The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Bret W. Frey, M.D., Chowdhury H. Ahsan M.D., Ph.D., FACC., and Col. Eric D. Wade, USAF (Ret.) (Public Member).

² Respondent's original license number issued on October 8, 2003, was 10668. Respondent was issued license number 14957 on September 6, 2013.

³ Patient A's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- Respondent billed for "crisis intervention services" under his National Provider 4. Identifier (NPI) and Medicaid Provider ID for appointments for Patient A on November 12, 2018, November 13, 2018, November 14, 2018, November 19, 2018, November 20, 2018, and November 21, 2018.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) for those dates of service.
- Patient B⁴ was a forty-four (44) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 6. this Complaint.
- 7. Respondent billed for "crisis intervention services" under his NPI and Medicaid Provider ID for appointments for Patient B on November 16, 2018, November 17, 2018, November 18, 2018, November 19, 2018, November 20, 2018, and November 21, 2018.
 - 8. Respondent was out of the country (United States) for those dates of service.
- Patient C⁵ was a fifty-four (54) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 9. this Complaint.
- 10. Respondent signed-off on a progress note for Patient C on November 20, 2018. with billing codes for 99214, with a 90833 add-on.
- 11. Respondent also wrote a prescription for Patient C for Adderall (amphetamine salts), a Schedule II controlled substance on November 20, 2018.
- 12. The prescription for Patient C was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 13. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 14. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP) for Patient C's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient D⁶ was a twenty-eight (28) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 15. in this Complaint.

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⁵ Patient C's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴ Patient B's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶ Patient D's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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16.	Billing records for Patient D show Respondent as the "rendering provider" for
services with a	a billing code of 99214, with a 90833 add-on on November 20, 2018.

- 17. However, Patient D's medical records show that Patient D was actually seen by TDP, APRN, on November 20, 2018.
- 18. Respondent also billed for "crisis intervention services" under his NPI and Medicaid Provider ID for appointments for Patient D on November 20, 2018, and November 21, 2018.
 - 19. Respondent was out of the country (United States) for those dates of service.
- Patient E⁷ was an eleven (11) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in this 20. Complaint.
- 21. Billing records for Patient E show Respondent as the "rendering provider" for services with a billing code of 99214 with a 90833 add-on, on November 21, 2018.
- 22. However, Patient E's medical records show that Patient E was actually seen by TDP, APRN on November 21, 2018.
- 23. Respondent also wrote prescription for Patient Vyvanse (lisdexamfetamine), a Schedule II controlled substance on November 21, 2018.
- 24. The prescription for Patient E was a paper prescription for a Schedule II controlled substance and contains the signature of Respondent.
 - 25. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 26. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient E's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient F⁸ was a forty-two (42) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 27. this Complaint.
- 28. Billing records for Patient F show that Respondent billed for a 90837 appointment under his NPI number on February 28, 2017.

⁷ Patient E's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁸ Patient F's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- 29. However, Patient F's medical records show that Patient F was actually seen by SM. MST for therapy on February 28, 2017.
- 30. Billing records for Patient F show that Respondent billed for a 99214 appointment, with a 90833 add-on on September 27, 2017, under his NPI number.
- 31. However, Patient F's medical records show that Patient F was actually seen by NK. APRN on September 27, 2017.
- Respondent was out of the country (United States) on both of those dates, 32. February 28, 2017, and September 27, 2017.
- Patient G⁹ was a fifty-five (55) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 33. this Complaint.
- 34. Billing records for Patient G show that Respondent billed for a 99214 appointment, with a 90833 add-on on November 14, 2018, under his NPI number.
- 35. However, Patient G's medical records show that Patient G was actually seen by TDP, APRN on November 14, 2018.
- 36. Respondent also wrote two (2) prescriptions for Patient G, one (1) for Adderall (amphetamine salts) a Schedule II controlled substance and one (1) for Klonapin (clonazepam) a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- 37. Both prescriptions for Patient G were on a single paper prescription dated November 14, 2018, which contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 38. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 39. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient G's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient H¹⁰ was a fifty-five (55) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 40. this Complaint.
- 41. Respondent billed for "crisis intervention services" under his NPI and Medicaid Provider ID for appointments for Patient H on November 9, 2018, November 10, 2018,

⁹ Patient G's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

¹⁰ Patient H's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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November 16, 2018, November 17, 2018, November 18, 2018, November 19, 2018, and November 20, 2018.

- 42. Respondent was out of the country (United States) for those dates of service.
- Patient I¹¹ was a thirty (30) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in this 43. Complaint.
- 44. Respondent wrote a prescription for Adderall (amphetamine salts), a Schedule II controlled substance, on March 2, 2017.
- 45. The prescription for Patient I was a paper prescription dated March 2, 2017, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 46. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on March 2, 2017.
- 47. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient I's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient J12 was a fifty-two (52) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 48. this Complaint.
- 49. Progress notes in Patient J's medical records show that he was seen by TDP, APRN on November 15, 2018.
- 50. Respondent wrote two (2) prescriptions for Patient J for a Schedule II drug, Adderall (amphetamine salts) and a Schedule IV drug, Xanax (alprazolam), November 15, 2018.
- 51. Both prescriptions for Patient J were on a single paper prescription dated November 15, 2018, and contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 52. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 53. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient J's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

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¹² Patient J's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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54.	Patient K^{13} was a forty-two (42) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in
this Complaint	

- 55. Progress notes in Patient K's medical records show that he was seen by TDP, APRN on November 15, 2018.
- 56. Respondent wrote two (2) prescriptions for Patient K for the controlled substances Adderall (amphetamine salts), a Schedule II controlled substance, and Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
- 57. These prescriptions for Patient K were paper prescriptions dated November 15, 2018, and each contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 58. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 59. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient K's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient L¹⁴ was a sixty-two (62) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 60. this Complaint.
- 61. Respondent wrote a prescription for Adderall (amphetamine salts), a Schedule II controlled substance, for Patient L on February 28, 2017.
- 62. This prescription for Patient L was a paper prescription dated February 28, 2017, and contained a signature from Respondent.
- 63. The medical records for Patient L provided by Respondent do not show that Patient L had an appointment with Respondent nor anyone else at his clinic on February 28, 2017.
- Patient L's medical records further show that Respondent's previous appointment 64. with Patient L was January 30, 2017.
- 65. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on February 28, 2017, (the date of the prescription Patient L received for the controlled substance).
- 66. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient L's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

¹³ Patient K's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

¹⁴ Patient L's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint,

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67.	Patient M ¹⁵	was a forty-four	(44) year-old	female a	t the	time of	the	events	at	issue
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- 68. Respondent wrote a prescription for Patient M for Adderall (amphetamine salts), a Schedule II controlled substance, on March 6, 2017.
- 69. This prescription for Patient M was a paper prescription dated March 6, 2017, and contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 70. Respondent was out of the country on March 6, 2017.
- 71. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient M's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient N¹⁶ was a thirty-five (35) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 72. in this Complaint.
- 73. Respondent provided Patient N with a prescription for two (2) controlled substances, Xanax (alprazolam) a Schedule IV drug and Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III drug, on November 15, 2018.
- 74. The prescriptions for Patient N were on a single paper prescription dated November 15, 2018, and it contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 75. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 76. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient N's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient O¹⁷ was a forty-eight (48) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 77. in this Complaint.
- 78. Respondent provided Patient O with a prescription for a Schedule III controlled substance, Suboxone (buprenorphine), on November 13, 2018.
- 79. The prescription for Patient O was a paper prescription dated November 13, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.

¹⁵ Patient M's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

¹⁶ Patient N's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

¹⁷ Patient O's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- 81. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient O's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient P18 was a thirty-six (36) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 82. this Complaint.
- 83. Respondent provided Patient P with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance on November 20, 2018.
- 84. The prescription for Patient P was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 85. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 86. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient P's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient Q¹⁹ was a thirty-two (32) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 87. in this Complaint.
- 88. Respondent provided Patient Q with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine). a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 16, 2018.
- 89. The prescription for Patient Q was a paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 90. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 91. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient Q's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient R²⁰ was a forty-nine (49) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 92. in this Complaint.
- 93. Respondent provided Patient R with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 13, 2018.

¹⁸ Patient P's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

¹⁹ Patient O's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²⁰ Patient R's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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94.	The prescription for Patient R is a paper prescription dated November 13, 2	2018
that contained	a signature from Respondent.	

- 95. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient R's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient S^{21} was a thirty-seven (37) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 96. in this Complaint.
- 97. Respondent provided Patient S with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 16, 2018.
- 98. The prescription for Patient S was a paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 99. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 100. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient S's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient T²² was a thirty-one (31) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 101. in this Complaint.
- 102. Respondent provided Patient T with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance on November 13, 2018.
- 103. The prescription for Patient T was a paper prescription dated November 13, 2018. that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018. 104.
- 105. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient T's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient U²³ was a thirty-six (36) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 106. this Complaint.

²¹ Patient S's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect him privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²² Patient T's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²³ Patient U's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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107.	Respondent provided Patient U with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine)
a Schedule II o	controlled substance on November 13, 2018.

- 108. The prescription for Patient U was a paper prescription dated November 13, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 109. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- 110. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient U's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient V²⁴ was a forty-nine (49) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 111. in this Complaint.
- 112. Respondent provided Patient V with a prescription for buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 20, 2018.
- 113. The prescription for Patient V was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 114. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 115. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient V's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient W²⁵ was a forty-one (41) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 116. this Complaint.
- 117. Respondent provided Patient W with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine). a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 13, 2018.
- 118. The prescription for Patient W was a paper prescription dated November 13, 2018. that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 119. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- 120. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient W's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

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²⁴ Patient V's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²⁵ Patient W's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint,

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121.	Patient X ²⁶ was a fifty (50) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in thi
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- Respondent provided Patient X with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), 122. a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam), a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 21, 2018.
- 123. The prescriptions for Patient X were on a single paper prescription listing both controlled substances dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018. 124.
- 125. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient X's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient Y²⁷ was a twenty-three (23) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 126. in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient Y with a prescription for Klonopin (clonazepam), a 127. Schedule IV controlled substance on November 16, 2018.
- 128. The prescription for Patient Y was a paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 129. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for 130. Patient Y's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient Z²⁸ was a thirty-six (36) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in 131. this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient Z with a prescription for buprenorphine, a Schedule 132. III, controlled substance on November 20, 2018.
- The prescription for Patient Z was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018. that contained a signature from Respondent.

²⁶ Patient X's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²⁷ Patient Y's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

²⁸ Patient Z's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- 135. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient Z's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient AA²⁹ was a thirty-seven (37) year-old female at the time of the events at 136. issue in this Complaint.
- 137. Respondent provided Patient AA with prescriptions for Suboxone (buprenorphine). a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam) a Schedule IV controlled substance on November 19, 2018.
- The prescriptions for Patient AA were on a single paper prescription dated 138. November 19, 2018, and it contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 139. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 19, 2018.
- 140. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient AA's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient BB³⁰ was a thirty-six (36) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient BB with prescriptions for Xanax (alprazolam), a 142. Schedule IV controlled substance and Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance on November 20, 2018.
- 143. The prescriptions for Patient BB were on a single paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018. 144.
- 145. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient BB's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient CC³¹ was a thirty-one (31) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 146. in this Complaint.

²⁹ Patient AA's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

³⁰ Patient BB's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

³¹ Patient CC's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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147.	Respondent	provided	Patient	CC	with	prescriptions	for	Zolpidem	and	Xanax
(alprazolam),	two (2) Sched	lule IV coi	ntrolled :	subst	ances	on November	14.	2018.		

- The prescriptions for Patient CC were on a single paper prescription dated 148. November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 149. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 150. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient CC's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient DD³² was a forty-nine (49) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 151. in this Complaint.
- 152. Respondent provided Patient DD with prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance on November 21, 2018.
- 153. The prescription for Patient DD prescription paper dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 154. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 155. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient DD's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient EE³³ was a thirty-right (38) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 156. in this Complaint.
- 157. Respondent provided Patient EE with a prescription for Valium (diazepam) a Schedule IV controlled substance on November 20, 2018.
- 158. The prescription for Patient EE was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 159. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 160. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient EE's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

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³³ Patient EE's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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161.	Patient FF ³⁴ was a fifty-four (54) year-old female at the time of the events at issue
in this Compla	nint.

- 162. Respondent provided Patient FF with a prescription for Klonopin (clonazepam), a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- 163. The prescription for Patient FF was a paper prescription dated November 14, 2018. that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 165. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient FF's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient GG³⁵ was a forty-two (42) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 166. in this Complaint.
- 167. Respondent provided Patient GG with a prescription for Klonopin (clonazepam), a Schedule IV controlled substance on November 14, 2018.
- 168. The prescription for Patient GG prescription paper dated November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 169. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 170. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient GG's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient HH³⁶ was a thirty-two (32) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 171. in this Complaint.
- 172. Respondent provided Patient HH with prescriptions for buprenorphine, a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam), a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 16, 2018.
- The prescriptions for Patient HH were on a single paper prescription dated 173. November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.

³⁴ Patient FF's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

³⁵ Patient GG's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

³⁶ Patient HH's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for 175. Patient HH's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient II³⁷ was a thirty-eight (38) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 176. this Complaint.
- 177. Respondent provided Patient II with prescriptions for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam), a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 13, 2018.
- 178. The prescriptions for Patient II are on a single paper prescription dated November 13, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 179. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- 180. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient II's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient JJ³⁸ was a fifty-six (56) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 181. this Complaint.
- 182. Respondent provided Patient JJ with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 21, 2018.
- The prescription for Patient JJ was a paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, 183. that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 184. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 185. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient JJ's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient KK³⁹ was a thirty-three (33) year-old female at the time of the events at 186. issue in this Complaint.

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³⁷ Patient II's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint. 38 Patient JJ's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient

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³⁹ Patient KK's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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187	. Respondent	provided	Patient	KK	with	a	prescription	for	Suboxone
(buprenorp	hine), a Schedul	e III control	led substa	nce, or	Nove	mbe	r 14, 2018.		

- 188. prescription The for Patient KK prescription was paper dated November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 189. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 190. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient KK's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient LL⁴⁰ was a thirty-eight (38) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 191. in this Complaint.
- 192. Respondent provided Patient LL with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 16, 2018.
- 193. The prescription for Patient LL was a paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 194. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 195. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient LL's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient MM⁴¹ was a sixty-one (61) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 196. in this Complaint.
- 197. Respondent provided Patient MM with a prescription for diazepam a Schedule IV controlled substance and Subutex (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance on November 16, 2018.
- The prescriptions for Patient MM were on a single paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 199. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 200. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient MM's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

⁴⁰ Patient LL's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴¹ Patient MM's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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	201.	Patient NN ⁴² was a twenty-six (26) year-old male at the time of the events at issue
in this C	Compla	int.

- 202. Respondent provided Patient NN with prescriptions for Zubsolv (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance and Klonopin (clonazepam) a Schedule IV controlled substance on November 21, 2018.
- 203. The prescriptions for Patient NN were on a single paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 204. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 205. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient NN's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient OO43 was a fifty-two (52) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 206. this Complaint.
- 207. Respondent provided Patient 00 with a prescription Suboxone (buprenorphine), a Schedule III controlled substance on November 21, 2018.
- 208. The prescription for Patient 00 paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 209. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 210. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient OO's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient PP44 was a forty-one (41) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 211. this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient PP with a prescription for Xanax (alprazolam), a 212. Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 20, 2018.
- 213. The prescription for Patient PP was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.

⁴² Patient NN's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴³ Patient OO's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴⁴ Patient PP's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for 215. Patient PP's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient QQ⁴⁵ was a forty-nine (49) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 216. in this Complaint.
- 217. Respondent provided Patient QQ with a prescription for alprazolam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 13, 2018.
- 218. The prescription for Patient QQ was paper prescription dated November 13, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 219. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- 220. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient QQ's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient RR⁴⁶ was a fifty-six (56) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- 222. Respondent provided Patient RR with four (4) prescriptions, one (1) of those prescriptions being lorazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 20, 2018.
- 223. The prescription for Patient RR was a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 224. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 225. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient RR's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient SS⁴⁷ was a thirty-three (33) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 226. in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient SS with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine). a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam), on November 14, 2018.

⁴⁵ Patient QQ's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴⁶ Patient RR's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴⁷ Patient SS's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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November	14, 2018	3, that containe	d a s	ignature	fron	n Resp	ond	ent	.••			

- 229. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 230. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient SS's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient TT⁴⁸ was a sixty-eight (68) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- 232. Respondent provided Patient TT with a prescription for clonazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
- 233. The prescription for Patient TT was a paper prescription dated November 15, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 234. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 235. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient TT's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient UU⁴⁹ was a fifty-seven (57) year-old female at the time of the events at 236. issue in this Complaint.
- 237. Respondent provided Patient UU with a prescription for Zubsolv (buprenorphine) a Schedule III and clonazepam, a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 20, 2018.
- 238. The prescriptions for Patient UU were on a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 239. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 240. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient UU's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient VV⁵⁰ was a twenty-eight (28) year-old male at the time of the events at 241. issue in this Complaint.

⁴⁸ Patient TT's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁴⁹ Patient UU's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵⁰ Patient VV's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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a Sched	ule III	controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam), a Schedule IV controlled substance
on Nove	ember 2	20, 2018.

- 243. The prescriptions for Patient VV were on a paper prescription dated November 20, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 20, 2018.
- 245. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient VV's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient WW⁵¹ was a thirty-five (35) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 246. in this Complaint.
- 247. Respondent provided Patient WW with prescriptions for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam) a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 21, 2018.
- The prescriptions for Patient WW were on a paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 249. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for 250. Patient WW's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient XX⁵² was a fifty-one (51) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 251. in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient XX with prescriptions for clonazepam a Schedule IV 252. controlled substance and Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- 253. The prescriptions for Patient XX were on a single paper prescription dated November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 254. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.

⁵¹ Patient WW's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵² Patient XX's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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	255.	During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP fo
Patient	t XX's I	Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
	256.	Patient YY ⁵³ was a fifty (50) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in thi
Compl	laint.	
	257.	Respondent provided Patient YY with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine
a Sche	dule III	controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
	258.	The prescription for Patient YY was a paper prescription dated

- November 15, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018. 259.
- 260. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient YY's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient ZZ⁵⁴ was a fifty-five (55) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in 261. this Complaint.
- 262. Respondent provided Patient ZZ with a prescription for Valium (diazepam) a Schedule IV controlled substance on November 21, 2018.
- 263. The prescription for Patient ZZ was a paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 264. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 265. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient ZZ's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient AAA⁵⁵ was a thirty-two (32) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 266. in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient AAA with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance on November 19, 2018.

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54 Patient ZZ's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵³ Patient YY's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵⁵ Patient AAA's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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	268.	The	prescription	for	Patient	AAA	was	a	paper	prescription	dated
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	269.	Respo	ondent was out	of the	e country	(United	States)	οn	Novemb	ner 19 2018	

- 270. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient AAA's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient BBB⁵⁶ was a twenty-five (25) year-old male at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- 272. Respondent provided Patient BBB with a prescription Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
- 273. The prescription for Patient BBB prescription paper dated November 15, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 274. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 275. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient BBB's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient CCC⁵⁷ was a forty-six (46) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 276. in this Complaint.
- 277. Respondent provided Patient CCC with a prescription for Xanax (alprazolam) a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- 278. The prescription for Patient CCC was prescription paper November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 279. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 280. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient CCC's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient DDD⁵⁸ was a thirty-two (32) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 281. in this Complaint.

⁵⁶ Patient BBB's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵⁷ Patient CCC's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁵⁸ Patient DDD's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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282.	Respondent	provided	Patient	DDD	with	a	prescription	for	Suboxono
(buprenorphir	ne) a Schedule	III controll	ed substar	nce, on l	Novem	ber	13, 2018.		

- 283. The prescription for Patient DDD paper prescription was dated November 13, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 284. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 13, 2018.
- 285. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient DDD's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient EEE⁵⁹ was a forty-one (41) year-old female at the time of the events at issue 286. in this Complaint.
- 287. Respondent provided Patient EEE with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- 288. The prescription for Patient EEE paper prescription dated was November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018. 289.
- 290. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient EEE's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient FFF⁶⁰ was a thirty-one (31) year-old female at the time of the events at 291. issue in this Complaint.
- 292. Respondent provided Patient FFF with prescriptions for Valium (diazepam) a Schedule IV controlled substance and Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 14, 2018.
- The prescriptions for Patient FFF were on a single paper prescription dated 293. November 14, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 294. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 14, 2018.
- 295. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient FFF's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.

⁵⁹ Patient EEE's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶⁰ Patient FFF's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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	296.	Patient	GGG ⁶¹	was	a	sixty-one	(61)	year-old	female	at	the	time	of	the	events	a
issue i	n this C	omplaint	t.													

- Respondent provided Patient GGG with a prescription 297. for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 19, 2018.
- 298. prescription for Patient GGG was a paper prescription dated November 19, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 299. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 19, 2018.
- During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for 300. Patient GGG's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient HHH⁶² was a twenty-six (26) year-old male at the time of the events at 301. issue in this Complaint.
- 302. Respondent provided Patient HHH with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 21, 2018.
- 303. prescription for Patient HHH was a paper prescription dated November 21, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 304. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 305. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient HHH's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient III⁶³ was a thirty-three (33) year-old male at the time of the events at issue 306. in this Complaint.
- 307. Respondent provided Patient III with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
- 308. The prescription for Patient III was a paper prescription dated November 15, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 309. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.

⁶¹ Patient GGG's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶² Patient HHH's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶³ Patient III's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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atient II	i's Pa	itient Report as required by Nevada law.

- Patient JJJ⁶⁴ was a thirty-seven (37) year-old female at the time of the events at 311. issue in this Complaint.
- 312. Respondent provided Patient JJJ with prescriptions for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule II controlled substance and Xanax (alprazolam) a Schedule IV controlled substance, on November 15, 2018.
- 313. The prescriptions for Patient JJJ were on a single paper prescription dated November 15, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 314. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 15, 2018.
- 315. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient JJJ's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient KKK⁶⁵ was a fifty-seven (57) year-old female at the time of the events at 316. issue in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient KKK with a prescription for 317. Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 19, 2018.
- 318. The prescription for Patient KKK was a paper prescription dated November 19, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 319. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 19, 2018.
- 320. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient KKK's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient LLL⁶⁶ was a forty (40) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- Respondent provided Patient LLL with a prescription for buprenorphine, a 322. Schedule III controlled substance, on November 21, 2018.

⁶⁴ Patient JJJ's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶⁵ Patient KKK's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶⁶ Patient LLL's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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- 324. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 21, 2018.
- 325. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient LLL's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient MMM⁶⁷ was a twenty-eight (28) year-old male at the time of the events at 326. issue in this Complaint.
- 327. Respondent provided Patient MMM with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance, on November 16, 2018.
- 328. The prescription for Patient MMM was paper prescription dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 329. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 330. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient MMM's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- Patient NNN⁶⁸ was a fifty-six (56) year-old female at the time of the events at issue in this Complaint.
- 332. Respondent provided Patient NNN with a prescription for Suboxone (buprenorphine) a Schedule III controlled substance on November 16, 2018.
- 333. The prescription for Patient NNN prescription was paper dated November 16, 2018, that contained a signature from Respondent.
 - 334. Respondent was out of the country (United States) on November 16, 2018.
- 335. During the time at issue in this Complaint, Respondent did not query the PMP for Patient NNN's Patient Report as required by Nevada law.
- 336. Upon information and belief and depending on the type of contract Respondent's practice has with the insurance company at issue, billing with Respondent as the "rendering 111

⁶⁷ Patient MMM's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect his privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

⁶⁸ Patient NNN's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

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provider" may result in a higher billing rate because he is a physician when compared to the provider who actually provided the services, such as an APRN, who may bill at a lower rate.

- 337. Medical records provided by Respondent for Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN do not include progress notes or other documentation from Respondent regarding an examination or appointment with Respondent on the dates that the prescriptions for controlled substances were written for those patients as detailed above.
- 338. Upon information and belief, Respondent prescribed controlled substances for Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN, as described above, without seeing them for an examination or other appointment on the day of their controlled substance prescription.
- 339. Upon information and belief, Respondent did not have a bona fide patient relationship with Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN on the dates when he prescribed controlled substances to them as detailed above.
- 340. Upon information and belief, Respondent left pre-signed paper prescription pads in his office for use by office staff and/or other practitioners while he was out of the country.
- Upon information and belief, Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN received 341. prescriptions written on prescription pads that had been pre-signed by Respondent before he left the country.
- Respondent used templated material for many of his patient's medical records, 342. including those identified above as Patients A through NNN, and upon information and belief, this caused him to fail to maintain clear, legible, accurate, and complete medical records for his patients.

<u>COUNTS I–LXVI</u>

NRS 630.301(4) - Malpractice

- 343. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 344. NRS 630.301(4) provides that malpractice of a physician is grounds for initiating disciplinary action against a licensee.

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- 346. As demonstrated by, but not limited to, the above-outlined facts, Respondent failed to use the reasonable care, skill or knowledge ordinarily used under similar circumstances when rendering medical services to Patients A through NNN because he billed for services not rendered, prescribed controlled substances via paper prescription when he was out of the country, failed to check the PMP as required by Nevada law, and failed to examine patients prior to writing prescriptions for controlled substances.
- 347. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNTS LXVII-CXXXII

NRS 630.3062(1)(a) – Failure to Maintain Complete Medical Records

- 348. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 349. NRS 630.3062(1)(a) provides that the "failure to maintain timely, legible, accurate and complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of a patient" constitute grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 350. Respondent failed to maintain complete medical records relating to the diagnosis, treatment and care of Patients A through NNN, by failing to completely and correctly document his medical care and treatment for Patients A through NNN or/and by over-reliance on templated material in the medical records for Patients A through NNN, causing the medical records for Patients A through NNN to not be timely, legible, accurate, and complete.
- 351. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

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COUNTS CXXXIII-CXCIII

NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3) – Violation of Statutes and Regulations of the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

- 352. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 353. NRS 639.23507 requires that a prescribing practitioner before issuing an initial prescription for controlled substances listed in schedule II, III, or IV, or an opioid that is a controlled substance listed in schedule V, and at least once every ninety (90) days thereafter for the duration of the course of treatment using the controlled substance, obtain a patient utilization report (Patient Report) regarding the patient from the PMP.
- 354. Respondent failed to obtain any Patient Reports for Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN as required by NRS 639.23507.
 - 355. This conduct violates NRS 630.306(1)(b)(3).
- 356. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNTS CXCIV-CCLIV

NRS 630.3062(1)(h) – Fraudulent, Illegal, Unauthorized, or Otherwise Inappropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances Listed in Schedule II, III, or IV

- 357. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 358. By pre-signing paper prescription pads and providing them to office staff and/or other practitioners so that Respondent's name, Nevada State Board of Pharmacy registration number, and Board license number could be used to prescribe medications to Patients C, E, G, and I through NNN while Respondent was out of the country, Respondent engaged in fraudulent, illegal, unauthorized, or otherwise inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances listed in schedule II, III, or IV.
 - 359. This conduct violates NRS 630.3062(1)(h).

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360. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNTS CCLV-CCLXII

NRS 630.306(2)(b)(1) - Engaging in Conduct Which is Intended to Deceive

- All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 362. By billing for services provided to Patients A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H under his name and NPI number that he did not provide, Respondent engaged in deceptive conduct.
 - 363. This conduct violates NRS 630.3062(1)(h).
- 364. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNTS CCLXIII-CCLXX

NRS 630.305(1)(d) – Charging for Services Not Rendered

- 365. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 366. NRS 630.305(1)(d) provides that, "charging for visits to the physician's office which did not occur or for services which were not rendered or documented in the records of the patient," is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 367. Respondent charged for services that were not rendered but were billed according to billing and medical records for Patients A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H.
- 368. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);

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- 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this case as outlined in NRS 622.400;
- 5. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and
- That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 215 day of February, 2024.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
COUNTY OF WASHOE	: ss.	

Bret W. Frey, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this 21st day of February, 2024.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

the Investigative Committee

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 22nd day of February, 2024, I served a file-stamped copy of the foregoing **COMPLAINT** and **PATIENT DESIGNATION** via USPS Certified Mail, postage pre-paid, to the following parties:

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DATED this 22 day of February, 2024.

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