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RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

In the Matter of:
RICHARD J. GOCCIA, M.D.
License Number MD12480
Controlled Substances Registration
Number CMD12480

VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT NOT TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

The Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (Board) after initial investigation of a patient complaint pertaining to Richard Goccia, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") from its Investigative Committee makes the following:

FINDINGS

1. Respondent has been licensed as a physician in Rhode Island since August 8, 2007, and is a 1982 graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.
2. Respondent is the subject of a complaint regarding a matter involving Patient A, *alias*. This matter is under investigation by the Board, regarding an examination of Patient A, *alias*, when Respondent saw her for an appointment to discuss her application for a medical marijuana card.

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3. Respondent is the subject of an additional matter which is also being investigated alleging Respondent was not properly supervising an employee using a laser for hair removal.

Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent has read this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine and understands that it is a proposal and is subject to the final approval of the Director. This Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine is not binding on Respondent until signed by the Director.
2. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
 - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
 - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
 - e. The right to further procedural steps except for specifically contained herein;
 - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine;
 - g. Any objection to the fact that this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine may be presented to the Board for consideration and review;
 - h. Any objection to the fact that it may be necessary for the Board to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order

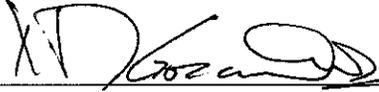
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to review adequately this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice
Medicine;

- i. Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of any presentation of this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine.
3. This Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is approved by the Board, and it shall be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards.
 4. Any other record pertaining to the Board's investigation and/or findings relating to these matters will be removed from the Board's website and any other public domain.
 5. Failure to comply with this Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine, when approved by the Board, shall subject the Respondent to disciplinary action.
 6. Respondent agrees to submit payment to the Rhode Island General Treasury within 12 months of ratification of this agreement for \$2,505 for the fees associated with investigating these matters.
 7. The Board agrees to cease further investigation and disposition of the above matters once agreement is ratified and considers the matters closed.
 8. Respondent agrees not to approach Board for reinstatement to practice medicine in Rhode Island without successful completion of evaluation from Acumen Assessments.

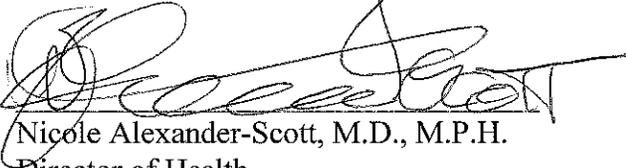
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Signed this 11TH day of ~~October~~^{NOVEMBER}, 2015.



Richard Goccia, M.D.

Approved this 4th day of December 2015.



Nicole Alexander-Scott, M.D., M.P.H.

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