

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **STEVEN COHEN, M.D**

4 Holder of License No. 28261
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-19-0233A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

7 Steven Cohen, M.D. ("Respondent"), elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and
10 consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 28261 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-19-0233A after receiving notification
17 that Respondent had taken a leave of absence in lieu of suspension of his staff
18 membership/clinical privileges at a Surgery Center pending an investigation into safety to
19 practice concerns.

20 4. Based on information from the Board's investigation, on March 8, 2019 the
21 Executive Director issued a confidential Interim Order for a Physician Health Program
22 ("PHP") Assessment, requiring Respondent to complete an assessment with a Board-
23 approved Contractor within 10 days.

24 5. Based on the Assessment, Respondent entered into an Interim Consent
25 Agreement for Practice Restriction, effective April 9, 2019 ("Practice Restriction").

1 6. Respondent subsequently completed an intensive evaluation at a Board-
2 approved evaluation center ("Facility"). Based on the evaluation's findings and
3 conclusions, the Facility opined that prior to returning to practice, Respondent should
4 complete an intensive, outpatient treatment program ("IOP"), enter into treatment with a
5 psychiatrist, and enroll in monitoring with the PHP.

6 7. Respondent subsequently completed the IOP and was discharged with staff
7 approval on July 17, 2019.

8 8. After completion of an additional assessment and review of Respondent's
9 treatment records, a PHP Contractor opined that Respondent was safe to return to the
10 practice of medicine, with 2 years of PHP monitoring, and compliance with
11 recommendations for additional psychiatric treatment.

12 9. Effective September 4, 2019, Respondent entered into an Interim Consent
13 Agreement for PHP Participation that terminated the Practice Restriction ("Interim Order").

14 10. On October 21, 2019, Respondent reported that he was retiring from the
15 practice of medicine due to a medical condition, and requested an Interim Practice
16 Limitation.

17 11. Respondent has requested surrender of his license based on his retirement
18 from the practice of medicine.

19 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

20 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
21 Respondent.

22 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
23 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ("Committing any conduct or practice that is
24 or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.").

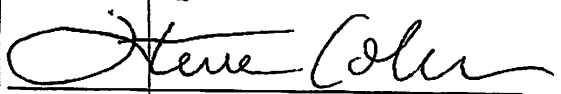
1 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
2 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
3 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
4 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
5 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
6 any other state or federal court.

7 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy
8 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the
9 entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
10 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
11 by the parties.

12 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
13 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
14 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

15 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
16 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
17 prejudgment or other similar defense.

18 9. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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21 STEVEN COHEN, M.D.

Dated: July 13, 2020

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23 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
US Mail this 10th day of August, 2020 to:
24 Steven Cohen, M.D.
25 Address of Record

1 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
2 10th day of August, 2020 with:

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