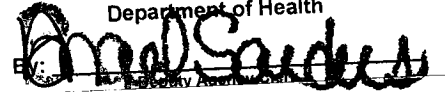


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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

IN RE: The Emergency Restriction of the License of
Carrie Sue Cannon, M.D.
License Number: ME 89284
Case Number: 2017-21339

ORDER OF EMERGENCY RESTRICTION OF LICENSE

Celeste Philip, M.D., M.P.H., State Surgeon General, ORDERS the Emergency Restriction of the license of Carrie Sue Cannon, M.D., (Dr. Cannon) to practice as a physician in the State of Florida. Dr. Cannon holds license number ME 89284. Her address of record is 14968 Faversham Circle, Orlando, Florida 32826. The following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law support the emergency restriction of Dr. Cannon's license to practice as a physician in the State of Florida.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Department of Health (Department) is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Chapters 20, 456, and 458, Florida Statutes (2016-2017). Section 456.073(8), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), authorizes the State Surgeon General to summarily restrict Dr. Cannon's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida, in accordance with Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2016-2017).

2. At all times material to this Order, Dr. Cannon was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of Florida, pursuant to Chapter 458, Florida Statutes (2016-2017).

3. On or about January 19, 2017, the Professionals Resource Network (PRN)¹ received an internet referral that Dr. Cannon had been hospitalized with Mania.

4. On or about February 14, 2017, Dr. Karen Hadley, M.D., a physician specializing in psychiatry, evaluated Dr. Cannon at PRN's request.

5. Dr. Hadley diagnosed Dr. Cannon with Bipolar Disorder Type II, Anxiety Disorder, unspecified, and Rule Out Bipolar Disorder Type I.

6. Dr. Hadley opined that Dr. Cannon was unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

7. Dr. Hadley recommended that Dr. Cannon establish with an outpatient psychiatrist and therapist as soon as possible and be monitored by PRN.

8. On or about April 7, 2017, Dr. Cannon requested a second opinion evaluation.

¹ PRN is a Department-contracted consultant for matters dealing with impaired healthcare practitioners.

9. On or about August 7, 2017, through August 10, 2017, Dr. Cannon underwent a multifaceted second opinion evaluation with Drs. Benjamin R. Phalin, Ph.D., Dr. Jamie Smolen, and Dr. Scott Teitelbaum.

10. Dr. Benjamin R. Phalin, Ph.D., conducted a neuropsychological evaluation of Dr. Cannon.

11. Dr. Phalin noted that based on her presentation during the evaluation, Dr. Cannon was in a hypomanic state. Dr. Phalin administered several psychological tests. While Dr. Cannon performed well on some, Dr. Phalin noted that Dr. Cannon's pattern of lower scores could be attributable to problems with sustained focus and attentional control caused by instability in her psychiatric condition.

12. Dr. Phalin diagnosed Dr. Cannon with Unspecified Bipolar Disorder, Unspecified Anxiety Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Histrionic Personality Disorder, Dependent Personality Features.

13. Dr. Phalin opined that Dr. Cannon is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

14. Dr. Phalin recommended that Dr. Cannon engage in ongoing psychiatric care, that prior to returning to work, she undergo a neuropsychological re-evaluation after demonstrating a period of sustained

emotional stability, and that she be monitored by PRN.

15. Dr. Jamie Smolen, a physician specializing in psychiatry and addiction medicine, evaluated Dr. Cannon.

16. Dr. Smolen diagnosed Dr. Cannon with Bipolar Disorder, Unspecified, History of Bipolar Type I and II, with and without psychotic features, History of Major Depressive Disorder, severe, recurrent, chronic, with psychotic features, with periods of remission, Anxiety Disorder, unspecified, History of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, Histrionic Personality Disorder, dependent personality features.

17. Dr. Smolen opined that Dr. Cannon was unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

18. Dr. Smolen recommended that Dr. Cannon enter an abstinence based mental health monitoring contract with PRN which would include psychiatric medication management and individual psychotherapy.

19. Dr. Scott Teitelbaum, M.D., a physician specializing in addiction medicine, performed a forensic addiction medicine assessment on Dr. Cannon.

20. Dr. Teitelbaum concluded that Dr. Cannon does not meet the criteria for a substance use disorder.

21. Dr. Cannon refused to enter into a contract with PRN and as of the date of this order, has failed to comply with the treatment recommendations made by Drs. Hadley, Phalin, and Smolen.

22. In the course of their practice, physicians must possess good judgment and be able to provide appropriate care and treatment to patients. Dr. Cannon's diagnoses of Unspecified Bipolar Disorder, Unspecified Anxiety Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Histrionic Personality Disorder, Dependent Personality Features, History of Major Depressive Disorder, severe, recurrent, chronic, with psychotic features, with periods of remission, Anxiety Disorder, unspecified, and History of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder indicate that Dr. Cannon is not capable of caring for patients in a manner that is correct and safe. Therefore, Dr. Cannon's continued unrestricted practice as a physician presents an immediate, serious danger to the health, welfare, and safety of the public.

23. Three independent medical experts have determined that Dr. Cannon is unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Because Dr. Cannon has failed to comply with the physician's and PRN's treatment recommendations, there is a significant likelihood that Dr. Cannon's inability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to

patients will continue without appropriate treatment and monitoring. This constitutes an immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety, and welfare. As a result, there are no less restrictive means, other than the terms of this Order, that will adequately protect the public from Dr. Cannon's continued unrestricted practice of medicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the State Surgeon General concludes as follows:

1. The State Surgeon General has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Sections 20.43 and 456.073(8), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes (2016-2017).
2. Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), authorizes the Department to restrict a physician's license if the Department finds that the physician presents an immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.
3. Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), subjects a physician to discipline, including restriction, for being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or

use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

4. Dr. Cannon violated Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), by being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients due to her Unspecified Bipolar Disorder, Unspecified Anxiety Disorder, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Histrionic Personality Disorder, Dependent Personality Features, History of Major Depressive Disorder, severe, recurrent, chronic, with psychotic features, with periods of remission, Anxiety Disorder, unspecified, and History of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.

5. Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), authorizes the State Surgeon General to summarily restrict a physician's license upon a finding that the physician presents an immediate, serious danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

6. Dr. Cannon's continued unrestricted practice as a physician constitutes an immediate, serious danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the public and this summary procedure is fair, under the circumstances, to adequately protect the public.

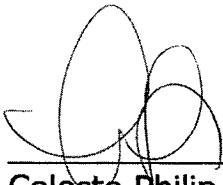
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WHEREFORE, in accordance with Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2016-2017), it is **ORDERED THAT**:

1. The license of Carrie Sue Cannon, M.D., license number ME 89284, is hereby immediately restricted to prohibit Dr. Cannon from practicing as a physician until PRN, or a PRN-approved evaluator, notifies the Department that Dr. Cannon is safe to resume practicing as a physician.

2. A proceeding seeking formal discipline of the license of Carrie Sue Cannon, M.D., to practice as a physician will be promptly instituted and acted upon in compliance with Sections 120.569 and 120.60(6), Florida Statutes (2016-2017).

DONE and ORDERED this 3 day of Jan, 2017.



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NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

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Pursuant to Sections 120.60(6), and 120.68, Florida Statutes, the Department's findings of immediate danger, necessity, and procedural fairness shall be judicially reviewable. Review proceedings are governed by the Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure. Such proceedings are commenced by filing a Petition for Review, in accordance with Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.100, accompanied by a filing fee prescribed by law with the District Court of Appeal, and providing a copy of that Petition to the Department of Health within thirty (30) days of the date this Order is filed.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REVIEW OF EMERGENCY ORDER