

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:

Dr. Katherine Walker, ND.

Licensee.

Case No. 21-09-35

**CONSENT ORDER AND SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

1.

The Board of Naturopathic Medicine (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining naturopathic physicians in the State of Oregon, pursuant to Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) chapter 685 and Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) chapter 850. Dr. Katherine Walker, ND (Licensee) is a licensed naturopathic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

2.

The parties wish to resolve this matter informally, without any hearing, appeal or judicial review, by entering this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order, pursuant to ORS 183.417(3) on the terms set forth below. The Board finds, Licensee denies, but stipulates to the following:

3.

Dr. Walker established care with Patient on August 21, 2021. On the same date, Patient contacted licensee asking her to prescribe her medication for her and her son. Licensee agreed to prescribe the medication and phoned in a prescription to a pharmacy.

4.

The pharmacy refused to fill the prescribed medication for the diagnosis provided, because the medication was not indicated for the reported condition. Licensee then directed her staff to call in the prescription with a different diagnosis, the patient did not have, but was indicated for the prescription so the pharmacy would fill the prescription. Staff member refused to misrepresent the patient's diagnosis to the pharmacy so they would fill the prescription.

5.

Licensee instructing her staff member to provide a false diagnosis to a pharmacy so the pharmacy would fill the prescription based on the misrepresentation is a violation of 850-050-0010(1)(c)(C)

Failure to act in accordance with the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians Code of Ethics as adopted by the Board. (1) Honesty

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

6.

The Board finds, and the Licensee deries the findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding the violations referenced in this settlement agreement and consent order. Licensee agrees the Board may enter the Consent Order set forth below, including the following terms and conditions:

A. Reprimand

- Civil Penalty - \$1,000, due 60 days from the date of signature on this order
- Continuing Education: Two (2) hours of Board approved education focused on ethics, power dynamics and boundary setting (completed)

B. Licensee shall comply with the statutes, rules and orders of the Board.

C. Licensee's failure to comply with any term of this order, ORS chapter 685 or OAR chapter 850 shall be grounds for additional discipline by the Board.

D. Licensee enters into this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order voluntarily and without any force or duress. Licensee states that the Board and Board staff have not made promises or representations not stated herein to induce her to sign this document and agree to issuance of the Order.

E. Licensee acknowledges that she had the opportunity to seek the advice of legal counsel. Licensee further acknowledges that she understands and agrees to the terms of this Order.

F. Licensee understands that she has the right to a contested case hearing under the Administrative Procedures Act (ORS Chapter 183), and fully and finally waives any and all right to a hearing and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order.

G. The parties acknowledge that this Settlement Agreement and Consent Order is a public document.

H. This Settlement Agreement and Consent Order shall take effect on the date it is signed by the Board.

IT IS SO STIPULATED.



Licensee



Date

CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following order: Reprimand

- Civil Penalty - \$1,000, due 60 days from the date of signature on this order
- Continuing Education: Two (2) hours of Board approved education focused on ethics, power dynamics and boundary setting (completed)

DATED this 29 day of October 2024.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE - State of Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M/B Baptista', written over a faint rectangular box.

Mary-Beth Baptista, JD, Executive Director