

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the License of:
Dr. Mona Bhalla, ND

Case No. 24-02-02

Licensee.

**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. Mona Bhalla 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. On / about September 4, 2025, the Board issued a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action (Notice) alleging violations of OAR 850-050-0010 (1)(c)(A) Negligent Prescribing, OAR 850-050-0010 (1)(c)(B) Negligent Treatment and OAR 850-050-0010 (1)(a)(B) Negligent Charting. The findings of facts and conclusion of law recited in the Notice are incorporated herein, the Licensee denies the findings of facts and conclusions of law regarding the violations in the Notice. Licensee agrees that the Board may enter the Consent Order set forth below, including the following terms and conditions:

- A. Probation – Twenty-four (24) months, with the following conditions:
- (a) No prescribing-controlled substances for the duration of probation.
 - (b) Relinquish DEA license and / or agree to not renew DEA license past current DEA license effective date.
 - (c) Prior to any subsequent renewal or reinstatement of a DEA license while Licensee is licensed to practice naturopathic medicine in the State of Oregon, Licensee must provide

proof of completion of 32-hours of continuing education focused on opiate management and prescribing.

(d) Continuing Education: Twelve (12) hours of continuing education, to be completed by Dec. 31, 2025. Licensee may use continuing education hours toward the total hours required for licensure renewal in 2025. Courses must be approved by the Board, and meet the following criteria / curriculum requirements:

(i) Four (4) hours focused on chronic pain management.

(ii) Four (4) hours focused on critical thinking; clinical judgment related to patient prescribing principles.

(iii) Two (2) hours focused on establishing and maintaining appropriate doctor / patient boundaries.

(iv) Two (2) hours focused on best practices for patient charting.

(e) Civil Penalty: \$10,000. \$3000 due within nine (9) months of signing the Order, per a payment plan agreed to by the Board. \$7,000 is abated and will be dismissed upon successful compliance with this order and completion of probation.

(f) Quarterly PDMP pull

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

10/2/25
Date

CONSENT ORDER

The Board issues the following order:

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DATED this 2nd day of October 2025.

BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE - State of Oregon

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'MB Baptista', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary-Beth Baptista, J.D.
Executive Director