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By Email and Certified Mail

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Dr. Karkare,

I am writing as the Mount Sinai Health System Vice President for Medical Affairs in response to your emails to Medical Affairs and Mount Sinai South Nassau (the "Hospital") regarding the criteria for reappointment to the Hospital Medical Staff and/or renewal of Clinical Privileges and your requests for information regarding the Hospital's Medical Staff and credentialing of providers.

All members of the Medical Staff are required to comply with Mount Sinai policies, including the Medical Staff Bylaws, as amended from time to time. The criteria for reappointment are clearly stated. The Hospital "only reappoints and/or renews Membership . . . and/or Clinical Privileges for those Practitioners who have continuously met the qualifications and criteria for initial and ongoing Membership, and/or Clinical Privileges, as relevant, that were in effect during the period of Membership and the holding of Clinical Privileges; *as well as all current qualifications and criteria described in Article 15 of these Bylaws . . .*" See Medical Staff Bylaws, §17.1. Accordingly, the qualifications applicable to first-time applicants, including the Board certification requirement found in Section 15.3.2, also apply to practitioners seeking reappointment.

The Board certification requirement does not violate any state or federal law, rule, or regulation, including 42 C.F.R. § 482.12(a)(7) because membership to the Medical Staff and/or granting of Clinical Privileges is not dependent solely on certification, fellowship, or membership in a specialty body or society, and this requirement applies to all applicants and reapplicants. In alignment with this requirement, all Clinical Departments are now beginning their review of current Medical Staff to confirm eligibility under all membership and clinical privileging criteria.

The Hospital is in full compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. With respect to your requests for information related to the Hospital's Medical Staff and credentialing activity, the Hospital is not obligated to provide this information.

You were previously advised that the Department of Orthopedic Surgery would be reviewing your membership and that the matter was scheduled for discussion at the January 24, 2026, meeting of the Joint Credentials Committee (JCC). Due to disruptions in daily operations caused by the ongoing nursing strike, the JCC has deferred this discussion to its next regularly scheduled meeting.

Separate and independent from the above, your reappointment application has been released to you for completion. In light of the ongoing discussions related to your membership review, the deadline for submitting your reappointment application has been extended and is now due on February 16, 2026. You will get a letter with a link to access the application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Shah", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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