

IN THE MATTER OF
JEFFERY DORMU, D.O.

Respondent

License Number: H65639

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BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Case Number: 7723-0024

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On October 11, 2022, Jeffery Dormu, D.O. (the “Respondent”) and Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) entered into a Consent Order¹ wherein Panel A concluded, as a matter of law, that the Respondent grossly overutilized health care services, failed to meet the standard of care for the delivery of quality medical services, and failed to keep adequate medical records.

Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel A reprimanded the Respondent, suspended the Respondent’s Maryland medical license for a minimum period of thirty (30) calendar days² and until a supervisor board certified in vascular surgery is approved by Panel A.³ The Consent Order also provided that after the minimum period of suspension has passed, and after receiving Panel A’s approval of a supervisor, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of suspension. In addition, the Consent Order provided that the Panel may terminate the suspension following a determination of the Respondent’s compliance with the relevant terms of the Consent Order, and upon termination, the Respondent is placed on probation for a minimum period of two years with probationary terms and conditions.

¹ The October 11, 2022 Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available by request.
² Terms of the suspension included a prohibition on the Respondent’s practice of medicine, implementation of a procedure for the Respondent’s patients to obtain their medical records, and a requirement that the Respondent notify in writing all associated athletic trainers, physician assistants, and naturopathic doctors of the termination of any protocols, delegation agreements, or collaborative agreements.
³ The Respondent’s license expired on September 30, 2022. As a result, the terms and conditions of the Consent Order were tolled. The Board reinstated the Respondent’s medical license on February 28, 2024.

On March 27, 2024, the Respondent petitioned Panel A to terminate the suspension of his Maryland medical license, provided Panel A with the name and pertinent professional background information of a supervisor who is board-certified in vascular surgery to supervise him for the duration of the probationary period, and, on April 10, 2024, Panel A approved the Respondent's supervisor.

The Respondent has complied with the relevant terms of the October 11, 2022 Consent Order. It is thus hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed under the Consent Order dated October 11, 2022, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on probation for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**.⁴ During the probationary period, the Respondent shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

- (1) **Within SIX (6) MONTHS** of the effective date of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete a course in medical recordkeeping and a course in professional ethics. The following terms apply:
 - (a) it is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the course before the course has begun;
 - (b) the Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the course;
 - (c) the courses may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
 - (d) the Respondent is responsible for the cost of the courses;
- (2) The Respondent be subject to supervision⁵ for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS** (eight quarterly reports) by a disciplinary panel-approved supervisor who is board certified in vascular surgery as follows:

⁴ If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

⁵ If the Respondent is not practicing medicine, the supervision shall begin when the Respondent resumes the practice of medicine.

- (a) the Respondent shall grant the supervisor access to patient records selected by the supervisor, which shall, to the extent practicable, focus on the type of treatment at issue in the Respondent's charges;
- (b) if the supervisor for any reason ceases to provide supervision, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Board and shall not practice medicine beyond the 30th day after the supervisor has ceased to provide supervision and until the Respondent has submitted the name and professional background, and written notice of confirmation, from a proposed replacement supervisor to the disciplinary panel;
- (c) it shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that the supervisor:
 - (1) reviews the records of ten (10) patients each month, such patient records to be chosen by the supervisor and not the Respondent;
 - (2) meets in-person with the Respondent at least once each month and discusses in-person with the Respondent the care the Respondent has provided for these specific patients;
 - (3) be available to the Respondent for consultations on any patient;
 - (4) maintains the confidentiality of all medical records and patient information;
 - (5) provides the Board with quarterly reports which detail the quality of the Respondent's practice, any deficiencies, concerns or needed improvements, as well as any measures that have been taken to improve patient care;
 - (6) immediately reports to the Board any indication that the Respondent may pose a substantial risk to patients;
- (d) the Respondent shall follow any recommendations of the supervisor; and
- (e) if the disciplinary panel, upon consideration of the supervisory reports and the Respondent's response, if any, has a reasonable basis to believe that the Respondent is not meeting the standard of quality care or failing to keep adequate medical records in his practice; the disciplinary panel may find a violation of probation after a hearing;
- (f) the Panel may issue administrative subpoenas to the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program on a quarterly basis for the Respondent's Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") prescriptions. The administrative subpoenas will request the Respondent's prescriptions from the beginning of each quarter;

(3) Within **ONE (1) YEAR** of the effective date of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of \$10,000.00. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board, and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and the minimum period of probation imposed by the Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation has passed, and after the Respondent's supervisor has submitted to the Board eight quarterly reports that are satisfactory to the Panel, the Respondent may submit to the Board a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the disciplinary panel, if the Respondent has complied with all probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary

panel: and if the disciplinary panel determines there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, the Respondent shall be given a show cause hearing before a disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that after the appropriate hearing if the disciplinary panel determines that the Respondent has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Order Termination Suspension and Imposing Probation is the date the Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director signs the Order Termination Suspension and Imposing Probation on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation, and it is further

ORDERED that this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

Signature On File

Date

4/16/2024

Ellen Douglas Smith
Deputy Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians