

IN THE MATTER OF
DANIEL D. METZ, P.A.

Respondent

License Number: C0005820

BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE BOARD
OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 7726-0006

ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

Daniel D. Metz, P.A., was originally licensed to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland on July 8, 2015. On March 17, 2025, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (“the Board”) opened an investigation after receiving a Mandated 10-day Report, stating that Mr. Metz was terminated after being found sleeping in a dictation room, and suspicion that he was under the influence of alcohol while working at the facility. Mr. Metz was referred for medical assessment at the facility’s occupational health center, where he underwent a blood alcohol test (“BAC”), which showed elevated blood alcohol levels. Mr. Metz admitted to consuming alcohol and reported a history of abuse, exacerbated by work-related stress and pressure.

On June 3, 2025, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board issued an Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice as a Physician Assistant, summarily suspending Mr. Metz’s license to practice medicine. On June 18, 2025, Panel B issued an Affirmation of Summary Suspension.

On June 4, 2025, Panel B charged Mr. Metz with unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(3)(ii), and being professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(4). As a resolution of the charges, on August 6, 2025, Mr. Metz entered into a Consent Order with Panel B wherein the June 3, 2025, Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice as a Physician Assistant, and the June 18, 2025, Affirmation of Summary Suspension were terminated as moot. Pursuant to

the Consent Order, Mr. Metz was reprimanded, and his license was suspended for a minimum period of nine (9) months, with the following terms and conditions: 1) enrollment in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) and compliance with all of its rules, referrals, and requirements; and 2) successful completion of a course in Professionalism within six (6) months from the effective date of the Consent Order.

The Consent Order further outlined that Mr. Metz may submit a written petition to the Panel to terminate the suspension after the minimum period of nine (9) months has passed, MPRP notifies the Board that Mr. Metz is safe to return to the practice of medicine as a Physician Assistant, and he has complied with all the terms and conditions of the Consent Order.

Mr. Metz has fully and satisfactorily complied with all the terms and conditions of the suspension, and nine (9) months have passed. On May 29, 2026, the Board received Mr. Metz’s petition to terminate suspension (the “Petition”). In the Petition, Mr. Metz outlined his compliance with the Consent Order and his Participant Rehabilitation Plan. He also included a Personal Protection Plan that outlined his goals to maintain sobriety, strategies for recognizing early warning signs of relapse, and a stress-management action plan to cope with work-life balance.

On June 3, 2026, the Board received MPRP’s endorsement letter. Clinical staff detailed Mr. Metz’s compliance in abstaining from alcohol and other non-prescribed mood-altering substances. His plan consists of monthly meetings, random toxicology testing, daily breathalyzer monitoring, and ongoing psychotherapy with medication management. MPRP reported that Mr. Metz actively participated in treatment recommendations and consistently received positive progress reports throughout his enrollment and supported his return to clinical practice.

On June 25, 2026, the Board received the State's response to Mr. Metz's petition. The State supports terminating the suspension imposed by the Consent Order and recommended that he be placed on a period of probation with continued enrollment in MPRP and compliance with all elements of his rehabilitation plan.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION

On July 22, 2026, the parties appeared before Panel B, sitting as a Reinstatement Inquiry Panel. Panel B reviewed Mr. Metz's file and heard oral presentations from Mr. Metz and the administrative prosecutor who represented the State. Panel B finds that Mr. Metz has complied with the terms of the Consent Order and, based on the recommendations and evaluations presented, is safe to return to the practice of medicine. The Panel believes that Mr. Metz should remain enrolled in MPRP for a minimum of two years and until MPRP determines it is safe for Mr. Metz to practice medicine without monitoring.

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed, under the August 6, 2025 Consent Order, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Metz is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**.¹ During the probationary period, Mr. Metz shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Mr. Metz shall remain enrolled in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (MPRP) and shall:
 - (a) continue his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP or be entered into an amended Participant

¹ If Mr. Metz's license expires while he is on probation, the probationary period and any probationary conditions will be tolled.

Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan as determined by MPRP;

(b) fully and timely cooperate and comply with all MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan entered with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP;

(c) sign and update the written release/consent forms requested by the Board and MPRP, including release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board and to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information from MPRP records and files in a public order. Mr. Metz shall not withdraw his release/consent;

(d) sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Mr. Metz shall sign the release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any and all MPRP records and files possessed by MPRP. Mr. Metz shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of Mr. Metz's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Mr. Metz and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Mr. Metz, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records. Ms. Metz shall not withdraw his release/consent;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if, upon the authorization of MPRP, Mr. Metz transfers to a rehabilitation program in another state, the failure to comply with any term or condition of the out-of-state's rehabilitation program, constitutes a violation of this Order. Mr. Metz shall also sign any out-of-state written release/consent forms to authorize the Board to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) the out-of-state program verbal and written information concerning him, and to ensure that the Board is authorized to receive his medical records, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. Mr. Metz shall not withdraw the release/consent; and it is further

ORDERED that, after a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**, if Mr. Metz has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and upon MPRP's determination that he can

safely practice without additional monitoring, Mr. Metz may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of a disciplinary panel. Mr. Metz may be required to appear before the Panel to discuss his petition for termination of probation or the Panel may choose to administratively terminate the probation. The Panel will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Mr. Metz has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions, MPRP determines that Mr. Metz can safely practice without additional monitoring, and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation (“Order”); and it is further

ORDERED that, if Mr. Metz allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of this Order, Mr. Metz shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If 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 the Panel; and, if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Mr. Metz shall be given a show cause hearing before the Panel; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the Panel determines that Mr. Metz has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Order, the Panel may reprimand Mr. Metz, place Mr. Metz on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend Mr. Metz’s license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke Mr. Metz’s license to practice medicine as a physician assistant in Maryland. The Panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Mr. Metz; and it is further

ORDERED that there shall be no early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Metz is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the Order, any time period prescribed in this Order begins when this Order goes into effect. This Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

08/03/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians