

IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD O. AKOTO, M.D.
Respondent

License Number: D58683

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE BOARD**
*** OF PHYSICIANS**
*** Case Number: 2226-0125A**

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CONSENT ORDER

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and the Respondent, Richard O. Akoto, M.D., agree to enter into this Consent Order, before charges have been issued, in order to resolve this matter which concerns the Respondent’s continued prescribing of controlled dangerous substances (“CDS”) after his registration with the Office of Controlled Substances Administration (“OCSA”) had expired.

The pertinent provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”):

**Health Occ. § 14-404. Denials, reprimands, probations, suspensions, and revocations-
Grounds.**

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:

....

(43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine[.]

With respect to Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43), the pertinent law is the following:

Criminal Law Title 5

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§ 5-101. Definitions.

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- (y) “Registrant” means a person who is registered by the Department to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled dangerous substance in the State.

§ 5-301. Registration Required.

- (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person shall be registered by the Department before the person manufactures, distributes, or dispenses a controlled dangerous substance in the State or transports a controlled dangerous substance into the State.

In lieu of Panel A issuing charges, the Respondent and Panel A agreed to enter into this public Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Respondent was originally licensed by the Board to practice medicine in Maryland on May 7, 2002, under License Number D58683. The Respondent’s license expires on September 30, 2026, subject to renewal.
2. The Respondent was originally issued a CDS Registration to prescribe CDS in Maryland on June 1, 2024.
3. On November 6, 2025, OCSA notified the Board that the Respondent’s CDS Registration expired on April 30, 2025, and the Respondent continued to prescribe CDS on an expired registration.
4. After his CDS Registration expired on April 30, 2025, the Respondent continued to prescribe CDS from May 1, 2025 to September 28, 2025, and issued approximately 144 CDS prescriptions in this time period.
5. On December 9, 2025, based on the above information, the Board notified the Respondent that it had opened an investigation and requested a written response.

6. In his written response to the Board, the Respondent stated that he had not realized that his CDS Registration with OCSA expired, and immediately renewed his registration when he was made aware.
7. The Respondent's CDS Registration with OCSA was reinstated on or about November 17, 2025.
8. The Respondent, thus, prescribed CDS without an OCSA CDS Registration from May 1, 2025 to September 28, 2025.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes that the Respondent prescribed CDS with an expired CDS registration from OCSA, in violation of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(43) in violation of Criminal Law § 5-301(a)(1).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further,

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

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6); and it is further

02/20/2026
Date

Signature on File

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

CONSENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have consulted with legal counsel before signing this document.

[OR]

I, Richard O. Akoto, acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 et seq. concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

02/17/2026
Date

Signature on File

Richard O. Akoto, MD
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF Mississippi

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 17 day of February, 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Richard O. Akoto, M.D., gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.

[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/15/2026