

IN THE MATTER OF
HENOK ARAYA, M.D.

Respondent

LICENSE NUMBER: D0062722

BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 2226-0048

CONSENT ORDER

On February 27, 2026, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged **HENOK ARAYA, M.D.** (the “Respondent”), license number D0062722, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (Lexis Nexis 2025 Supp.).

Specifically, Panel A charged the Respondent with violating the following provision of the Act:

**Health Occ. § 14-404. Denials, reprimand, 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:
 - (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veteran’s Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section[.]

The act for which the Respondent was disciplined by the District of Columbia, Board of Medicine (the “DC Board”) would constitute grounds for disciplinary action under the following provisions of Health Occ. § 14-404(a):

- (3) Is guilty of:
 - ...
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
[and]
 - ...
- (22) Fails to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review for the delivery of quality medical care and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State[.]

On June 10, 2026, Panel A was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of this DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A finds:

I. Background Information

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent initially was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on February 17, 2005, under License Number D62722. The Respondent’s license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2026, subject to renewal.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia and the State of Virginia. The Respondent has active licenses in the District of Columbia under License Number MD034551 and in Virginia under License Number 0101235446.

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent operated a medical office (the “Office”) for the purposes of providing medical and surgical care to patients in the District of Columbia.

4. On or about August 28, 2025, the Board received an email from the Respondent stating in part, “I received a probation and restriction in my DC license.”

5. Based on the Respondent’s self-report, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

II. The Board’s Investigation

6. As part of its investigation, the Board made inquiries with the District of Columbia, Board of Medicine (the “DC Board”) and obtained the DC Board’s investigative file in a recent licensing disciplinary action it had taken against the Respondent.

7. The DC Board’s investigative file revealed that on or about July 2, 2019, the DC Board issued a *Notice of Intent to Take Disciplinary Action* (the “DC Charges”) against the Respondent with respect to his license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia. Specifically, the DC Board charged the Respondent with: Charge I – failing to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within the health profession in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(26); Charge II – demonstrating a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(28); Charges III and IV – making a misrepresentation or false promise to influence, persuade, or induced patronage in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(38); Charge V – making a false or misleading statement regarding your skill or the efficacy or value of a medicine, treatment, or remedy that you prescribed or recommended at your

discretion, in the treatment of a disease or other condition or the body or mind in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(40); and committing fraud or making false claims in connection with the practice of medicine in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(45). The DC Charges stemmed from complaints from four patients against the Respondent in connection with the liposuction surgeries he performed on them in 2013 to 2015.

8. The Respondent requested an evidentiary hearing, which took place on three non-consecutive days between February 2020 and January 2021 before an Administrative Law Judge (the “ALJ”). On May 29, 2024, the ALJ issued a *Recommended Decision* after which the exceptions process took place before the DC Board. On August 20, 2025, the DC Board issued a *Final Decision and Order of the Board* (the “DC Final Order”) in which it made Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and imposed sanctions.

9. In the DC Final Order, the DC Board found as a matter of fact that since 2003 the Respondent had been the sole health care practitioner at the Office mainly providing liposuction surgery to patients. The DC Board found that the Respondent maintained a website for the Office, which “contained numerous misleading entries.” The DC Board found that the Respondent “falsely advertised his business as a surgical center, ‘designed exclusively for out-patient surgery’ . . . and ‘a convenient, comfortable, and generally less costly alternative to a hospital with the same standards of care.’” The DC Board found that the Respondent’s Office did not qualify as a “surgical center” under D.C. law and required a license to operate, which the Respondent did not have. The DC Board further found that the Respondent’s Office was not equipped to provide the same standards of care as a hospital.

10. The DC Board also found that the Respondent violated the standards of care in his performance of liposuction surgery to four patients (“Patients A, B, C and D”) under review. Summaries of the Respondent’s violations are as follows:

Patient A

- A. The Respondent failed to appropriately assess Patient A for liposuction surgery.
- B. The Respondent failed to inform Patient A from the beginning that additional procedures were necessary to achieve Patient A’s desired results, due to excessive skin that would need to be removed.
- C. The Respondent failed to record the amount of fat removed during the procedure.
- D. The Respondent failed to monitor vital signs during the procedure.
- E. The Respondent failed properly drain the seroma that developed post-surgery.

Patient B

- F. The Respondent failed to appropriately assess Patient B for the liposuction surgery.
- G. The Respondent failed to inform Patient B from the beginning that additional procedures were necessary to achieve Patient B’s desired results, due to the excessive skin that would be needed to be removed.
- H. The Respondent failed to perform liposuction in a sterile and draped environment; instead, the Respondent conducted the liposuction on a patient chair using only a paper cover.
- I. The Respondent failed to record the amount of fat removed during the procedure, as the Respondent used his pre-printed aspiration of 0.5/1.0 ratio of fat to total fluid.

- J. The Respondent failed to monitor vital signs during the procedure.
- K. The Respondent failed to perform the liposuction properly in that it caused skin necrosis on the area in which the liposuction was performed.
- L. The Respondent failed to properly drain the seroma that developed post-surgery.

Patient C

- M. The Respondent failed to appropriately assess Patient C for the liposuction surgery.
- N. The Respondent failed to inform Patient C from the beginning that additional procedures were necessary to achieve Patient C's desired results, due to excessive skin that would need to be removed.

Patient D

- O. The Respondent failed to appropriately assess Patient D for the liposuction surgery.
- P. The Respondent failed to inform Patient D from the beginning that additional procedures were necessary to achieve Patient D's desired results, due to excessive skin that would need to be removed.
- Q. The Respondent misled Patient D when he informed her that he was associated with a local hospital, which was important to Patient D.
- R. The Respondent failed to perform the liposuction in a sterile and draped environment.
- S. The Respondent failed to monitor vital signs during the procedure.
- T. The Respondent failed to properly drain the seroma that developed post-surgery.

11. Based on its Findings of Fact, the DC Board concluded as a matter of law that the Respondent: failed to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within the health profession in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(26); demonstrated a willful or careless disregard for the health, welfare, or safety of a patient in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(28); made a misrepresentation or false promise to influence, persuade, or induced patronage in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(38); made a false or misleading statement regarding your skill or the efficacy or value of a medicine, treatment, or remedy that you prescribed or recommended at your discretion, in the treatment of a disease or other condition or the body or mind in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(40); and committed fraud or making false claims in connection with the practice of medicine in violation of D.C. Code § 3-1205.14(a)(45).

12. With respect to disciplinary sanctions, the DC Board placed the Respondent on probation with the following conditions:

- A. The Respondent shall make corrections to his website within one week;
- B. The Respondent shall be immediately restricted from performing any surgical procedures, including all liposuction procedures, until he: 1) completes a DC Board-approved minimum three-day (minimum 20 hours of continuing medical educational credit) course in liposuction techniques;
- C. The Respondent shall be employed in a licensed ambulatory surgical center, or obtain a license for the Office to serve as an ambulatory surgical center; and
- D. The Respondent shall be monitored by a DC Board-approved surgeon, board-certified in either Plastic Surgery or Surgery by the American Board of Medical Specialties.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the act for which the Respondent was disciplined by the D.C. Board constitutes a violation of Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(21) - Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action if committed in Maryland: (1) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii); and (2) Fails to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care and surgical care performed in an outpatient facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22).

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED, that the Respondent is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be placed on **PROBATION** subject to the following conditions:

(a) During the probationary period, the Respondent shall not perform liposuction procedures in Maryland; and

(b) The Respondent shall fully comply with all of the terms and conditions of his probation under the D.C. Order; and it is further

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

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for modification will not be considered by the Board or a disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that after the Respondent has fully and satisfactorily complied with all terms and conditions of probation, including the terms and conditions of his probation under the D.C. Order, the Respondent may submit 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 the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent 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 a disciplinary panel; and if 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 Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend 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 Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; 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* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

CONSENT

I, Henok Araya, M.D., acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

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.

Signature on File

6/30/26
Date

Henok Araya, M.D.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

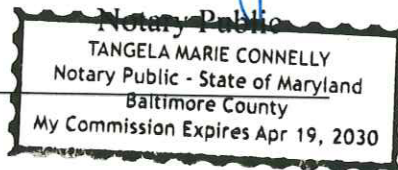
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 30th day of June 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, Henok Araya, M.D. personally appeared and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

Tangela H. Connelly

My Commission expires:



ACCEPTANCE

I, Christine A. Farrelly, sign this **CONSENT ORDER** on behalf of Disciplinary Panel A.

07/08/2026
Date

Signature on File

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