

IN THE MATTER OF
CORNELL SHELTON, M.D.
APPLICANT

BEFORE THE MARYLAND
STATE BOARD OF
PHYSICIANS
Case Number: 2226-0198

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Maryland Licensure Reinstatement Application (the “Reinstatement Application”) of Cornell Shelton, M.D., (the “Applicant”) to practice medicine in Maryland, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) has grounds to deny the Reinstatement Application under the Maryland Medical Practice Act Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-101 et seq.

Specifically, Panel A has grounds to deny the Reinstatement Application pursuant to the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. §14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.

(b) Additional powers.

(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of §14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant ... for:

(i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under §14-404, §14-5A-17, §14-5B-14, §14-5C-17, §14-5D-14, §14-5E-16, or §14-5F-18 of this title [.]

Health Occ. §14-404. Disciplinary grounds.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of §14-405 of the 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 the license if the licensee:

- (24) Was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee:
 - (i) Surrendered the license issued by the state or country to the state or country[.]

Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Maryland Licensure Reinstatement Application, the Applicant agreed to enter into, with the Maryland Board, this public Consent Order, which consists of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A makes the following findings of fact:

1. On or about June 17, 2026, the Applicant filed with the Maryland Board a Reinstatement Application to practice medicine in Maryland.
2. The Reinstatement Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, to which the Applicant was required to answer “YES” or “NO.” The Applicant responded “YES” to the following character and fitness questions:
 - “7. Have you ever pleaded guilty or nolo contendere (no contest) to any criminal charge, been convicted of a crime, regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, or have been convicted of a crime or placed on probation before judgment because of a criminal charge?”
3. During its review of the Reinstatement Application, the Board received the following information about the Applicant:
 - a) On or about May 23, 2025, a report was filed with Arlington County law enforcement when the Applicant’s colleague (“Dr. C”) was notified regarding suspicious prescriptions written for the Applicant. Specifically, two (2) prescriptions for the Applicant were written and filled with Dr. C’s forged signature. On or about August 19, 2025, a pharmacy employee contacted law enforcement, stating that the Applicant had “called in a

prescription ... pretending to be Dr. [C].” On August 23, 2025, the Applicant attempted to pick up the prescription, but “fled the scene” before law enforcement arrived.

b) On or about October 15, 2025, the Arlington General District Court charged the Applicant with three (3) counts of Obtaining a Drug by Fraud, a felony. The Applicant entered into a plea agreement; two (2) counts were nolle prosequied, and the third was amended to “assisting unlawful procurement,” a misdemeanor. The Applicant entered into a deferred disposition requiring the Applicant to show nine (9) months of good behavior and to notify the Virginia Department of Health Professions of the criminal matters.

c) On or about January 22, 2026, the Applicant voluntarily surrendered his Drug Enforcement Administration license based on the above criminal matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes, as a matter of law, that the Applicant: was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee: surrendered the license issued by the state or country to the state or country, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(24)(i). *See* Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that the Reinstatement Application to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect on the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Board or her designee, who signs on behalf of Panel A; 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).

09/02/2026
Date

Signature on File

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

NOTARY

STATE OF District of Columbia

CITY/COUNTY OF: Washington

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 24th day of August, 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Cornell Shelton, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

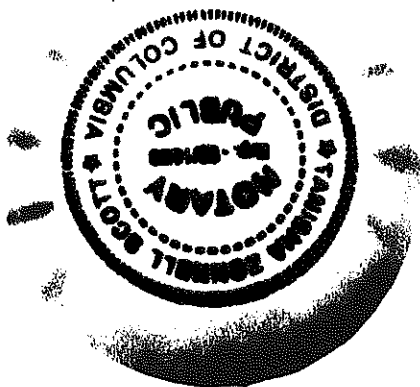


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 02/24/2028

TANISHA ZONNELL SCOTT

District of Columbia Notary Public
My Commission Expires Feb. 14, 2028



CONSENT

I, Cornell Shelton, M.D., have chosen to proceed without legal counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without legal 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 have had a formal evidentiary hearing if the Maryland Board had issued charges concerning this matter, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§10-201 et seq. 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 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, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

8/24/26
Date

Signature on File

Cornell Shelton, ~~M.D.~~
Applicant