

IN THE MATTER OF

DARRELL E. LEWIS, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D76104

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND STATE

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 7726-0001

ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL HISTORY

On April 11, 2023, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (“the Board”) summarily suspended the Maryland medical license of Darrell E. Lewis, M.D. Dr. Lewis waived his right to a hearing on his summary suspension, and, on May 24, 2023, the Panel continued the summary suspension. On June 12, 2023, Panel B issued charges against Dr. Lewis and, on August 18, 2023, Dr. Lewis and the Panel entered into a Consent Order concluding Dr. Lewis is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, was professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent, willfully made or filed a false report in the practice of medicine, I made a willful misrepresentation in treatment, and sold, prescribed, gave away, or administered drugs for illegal or illegitimate medical purposes, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii), (4), (11), (17), and (27). Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel B terminated the April 11, 2023 summary suspension, reprimanded Dr. Lewis, suspended Dr. Lewis’s medical license for a minimum period of one year, and required Dr. Lewis to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) with monitoring and quarterly reports from MPRP.

On August 30, 2024, Panel B charged Dr. Lewis with violating the terms of his Consent Order by testing positive for an illicit substance in violation of his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement that he entered into with MPRP. On July 14, 2025, Disciplinary Panel A of the Board (“Panel A” or the “Panel”) issued a Final Decision and Order, finding that Dr. Lewis violated his August 18, 2023 Consent Order, terminated the August 18, 2023 suspension, and imposed a reprimand and ordered an additional year of suspension of Dr. Lewis’s license. The Final Decision and Order provided that, after one year, if MPRP determined that Dr. Lewis were safe to practice medicine and has complied with MPRP’s recommendations and requirements, he could petition Panel A to terminate the suspension and that, if the suspension were terminated, Panel A could impose conditions on his return to practice.

PETITION FOR TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION

On July 29, 2026, Dr. Lewis filed a petition with the Board seeking the termination of his suspension (the “Petition”). Additionally, on August 12, 2026, concerning the Petition, the Board received a report from MPRP that noted his positive test, in 2024, and his referral to a 30-day residential treatment facility from which he was successfully discharged. The report noted that his toxicology screenings have been negative since then and “Dr. Lewis has been adherent with his plan and our full clinical team, including our medical director, endorse his return to medical practice excluding the specialty of anesthesia. Dr. Lewis has expressed his understanding and willingness to continue following the above components of his rehabilitation plan.” The Board also received his evaluation report from a physician evaluator to whom he was referred by MPRP. That

evaluator stated that Dr. Lewis was safe to return to practice and recommended that Dr. Lewis (1) maintain abstinence from non-prescribed controlled substances and alcohol; (2) be monitored by random drug and alcohol screens; (3) be treated with naltrexone; (4) attend Narcotics Anonymous, and (5) remain in treatment for the five-year monitoring period required by MPRP and continue treatment as advised by his local outpatient provider, excluding treatment with buprenorphine. The Board also received his residential treatment report from 2024.

On September 17, 2026, the Administrative Prosecutor filed a response, recommending terminating the suspension and imposing a new five-year probation with the condition that he continue his participation in MPRP. On October 14, 2026, Panel A convened as a Reinstatement Inquiry Panel, with Dr. Lewis and an Administrative Prosecutor for the State, for the Panel to consider Dr. Lewis's Petition.

CONSIDERATION OF PETITION

Panel A finds that Dr. Lewis has complied with the terms of the Final Decision and Order and, based on the recommendations and evaluations presented, is safe to return to the practice of medicine with certain limitations and conditions. The Panel believes that Dr. Lewis should remain on probation and enrolled in MPRP for at least five years from the date of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation ("Order") and until his successful discharge from MPRP. Panel A further orders that Dr. Lewis should not practice anesthesiology for the duration of the probation.

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed, under the July 14, 2025 Final Decision and Order, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Lewis is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **FIVE YEARS**.¹ During the probationary period, Dr. Lewis shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Lewis is **PROHIBITED** from practicing the medical specialty of anesthesia; and it is further
2. Dr. Lewis shall remain enrolled in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program and shall:
 - (a) continue his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP or be entered into an amended or new Participant 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 into 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. Dr. Lewis shall not withdraw his release/consent;

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

(d) sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Lewis 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. Dr. Lewis 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 Dr. Lewis's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Dr. Lewis and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Dr. Lewis, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records. Dr. Lewis shall not withdraw his release/consent;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if, upon the authorization of MPRP, Dr. Lewis transfers to a rehabilitation program in another state, his failure to comply with any term or condition of the out-of-state's rehabilitation program constitutes a violation of this Order. Dr. Lewis 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 Dr. Lewis, and to ensure that the Board is authorized to receive the medical records of him, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. Dr. Lewis shall not withdraw the release/consent; and it is further

ORDERED that, after a minimum period of **FIVE YEARS**, if Dr. Lewis has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and upon MPRP's determination that he can safely practice without additional monitoring, Dr. Lewis 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 Panel A. Dr. Lewis may be required to appear before Panel A to discuss his petition for termination of probation or the Panel may choose to administratively terminate the probation. Panel A will grant the

petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Lewis has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions, MPRP determines that Dr. Lewis can safely practice without additional monitoring, and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that, if Dr. Lewis allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order, Dr. Lewis 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 and, if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Dr. Lewis shall be given a show cause hearing before Panel A; and it is further

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

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

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

ORDERED that 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 A; 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).

10/26/2026
Date

Signature on File

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