IN THE MATTER OF	BEFORE THE
EDUARDO ABARCA-ROJAS, M.D.	MARYLAND STATE
	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Respondent	Case Number: 2225-0204
License Number: D77964	

CONSENT ORDER

On July 15, 2026, Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged **EDUARDO ABARCA-ROJAS, M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D77964, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-101 *et seq.*

Panel A charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 14-404. License denial, suspension, or revocation.

(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:

. . .

(3) Is guilty of:

. . .

(ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine [and]

. . .

(11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine[.]

On September 9, 2026, Panel A was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution ("DCCR") in this matter. Based on the 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 the following:

I. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. At all relevant times, the Respondent was and is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on June 5, 2014. The Respondent's license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2026, subject to renewal.

2. The Respondent is also licensed in Illinois, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and the District of Columbia.

3. The Respondent is board-certified in Internal Medicine.

4. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent practiced at multiple health care facilities in Maryland including as a hospitalist staff physician at a specific health care facility (the "Facility").[1]

II. PRIOR BOARD ACTION

5. The Respondent has prior disciplinary history with the West Virginia Board of Medicine (the "West Virginia Board").

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[1] To maintain confidentiality, the names of healthcare facilities, individuals, and medications will not be identified in this document.

6. On April 9, 2024, the Respondent entered a consent order with the West Virginia Board, under Complaint No. 23-67-W, in which the West Virginia Board assessed a civil fine in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500) after an audit determined that the Respondent certified on his 2022 medical license renewal application that he had complied with the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for the renewal of his license when he had not completed a required three (3) hour course.[2]

III. THE REPORT

7. On or around May 9, 2025, the Board received a Mandated 10-Day Report[3] (the "Report") from a physician at the Facility (the "Reporting Physician") stating that the Facility terminated the Respondent's employment after an investigation revealed that the Respondent used the identifying information of a colleague (the "Provider") to fraudulently obtain a prescription medication (the "Prescription Medication") for personal use.

8. The Board initiated an investigation based on the Report and determined that the Respondent fraudulently used two providers' information to write five (5) prescriptions[4] to obtain prescription medications for himself.

IV. THE BOARD INVESTIGATION

9. As a part of the investigation, Board staff, among other things, requested and received the Respondent's written response to the Report; subpoenaed and received the Respondent's prescribing and human resources records; and conducted under-oath

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[2] By June 4, 2024, the Respondent had fulfilled all obligations set forth in the West Virginia consent order.

[3] *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-413, 14-414 (describing Mandated 10-Day Reports generally).

[4] The prescriptions were not for controlled medications.

interviews, including an interview with the Respondent.

The Respondent's Written Response to the Board

10. On or around June 24, 2025, the Board notified the Respondent that, among other things, the Board had opened a full investigation based on the Report and requested a written response to the Report.

11. On or around July 16, 2025, the Board received the Respondent's written response where the Respondent stated, among other things, the following:

i. While working for [the Facility], he used the Provider's National Provider Identifier ("NPI") number and falsified the Provider's signature to obtain [the Prescription Medication].

ii. On or about April 24, 2025, the Provider confronted him about the prescription refill request for [the Prescription Medication] and he immediately confessed to [the Provider] that he had used [the Provider]'s NPI number to self-prescribe the [Prescription Medication].

iii. On or about April 30, 2025, the Facility confronted him about his actions and he "immediately admitted wrongdoing and took responsibility for his actions."

Board Interviews

The Reporting Physician

12. On or around July 14, 2025, Board staff conducted an under-oath interview with the Reporting Physician. The Reporting Physician stated, among other things, the following:

i. On April 23, [2025], the Provider contacted him regarding the fraudulent prescription and provided him with a copy.

ii. The Reporting Physician confronted the Respondent and the Respondent stated, "I do not dispute this. I did it."

iii. The Respondent's actions violated the Facility's code of ethics and the Respondent's employment at the Facility was terminated.

13. The Reporting Physician provided the Board with a copy of the fraudulent prescription which was dated April 12, 2025.

The Provider

14. On or around September 19, 2025, Board staff conducted an under-oath interview with the Provider. The Provider stated, among other things, the following:

i. He is a hospitalist at the Facility and, on or around April 23, 2025, he received a request for a refill of [the Prescription Medicine] for the Respondent from a pharmacy (the "Pharmacy").

ii. The Respondent was not a patient of his and he had never prescribed [the Prescription Medication].

iii. He immediately contacted the Pharmacy, reported the fraudulent prescription and obtained a copy of the fraudulent prescription.

iv. On April 23, 2026, he confronted the Respondent over text message and in a telephone conversation and the Respondent admitted that the prescription was fraudulent and that the Prescription Medication was for himself.

v. He immediately reported the incident to the Reporting Physician who was his supervisor at the Facility.

15. The Provider provided the Board with a copy of his text message correspondence with the Respondent.

The Respondent

16. On or around December 8, 2025, Board staff conducted an under-oath interview of the Respondent. During this interview, the Respondent admitted that he had written fraudulent prescriptions previously, in or around December 2024.

17. Specifically, the Respondent stated that he used the information of a "personal friend" who was a provider (the "Personal Friend Provider") at another health care facility to obtain a different prescription medication.

18. On or around February 10, 2026, the Board spoke with the Personal Friend Provider who confirmed that he had never seen the Respondent as a patient and never wrote prescriptions for the Respondent.

The Fraudulent Prescriptions

19. The Board obtained copies of the Respondent's five (5) fraudulent prescriptions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel A concludes that the Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii); and willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine, a violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(11).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel A, hereby:

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

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **ONE (1) YEAR.**[5] During probation, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

Within **SIX (6) MONTHS**, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete a course in medical ethics. The following terms apply:

(a) it is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the courses before the courses are begun;

(b) the Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the courses;

(c) the courses may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal; and

(d) the Respondent is responsible for the cost of the courses.

ORDERED that within **ONE (1) YEAR**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **$15,000 (FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS).** The Payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board; and it is further

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

ORDERED that, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of probation imposed by the Consent Order has passed, the Respondent may submit to the Board 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 probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

[5] If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of the Consent Order; 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 the disciplinary panel determines 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 the disciplinary panel determines 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 with appropriate terms and conditions, 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 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, Eduardo Abarca-Rojas, 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

10/02/26
Date

Eduardo Arbaca-Rojas, M.D.

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of October 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Eduardo Arbaca-Rojas, M.D. gave oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSTH my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

LIONEL RIVERA
Notary Public - State of Maryland
Baltimore County
My Commission Expires Mar 9, 2030

My commission expires: 03/09/2030

ACCEPTANCE

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

10/07/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians