

IN THE MATTER OF

JONATHAN M. RATLIFF, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D0082519

BEFORE THE

MARYLAND STATE

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case Number: 7726-0033

ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On March 11, 2025, Dr. Ratliff and the Panel entered into a *Consent Order*, wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Ratliff was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii); was professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(4); was habitually intoxicated, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(7); provided professional services while under the influence of alcohol, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(9)(i); and willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(11).¹

Pursuant to the *Consent Order*, Dr. Ratliff's license was reprimanded and suspended for a minimum of one (1) year with terms and conditions, including that he enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") and comply with all of its rules, referrals, and requirements.

On December 15, 2025, following a Show Cause Hearing, Panel A issued an *Order After Show Cause Hearing*, concluding that Dr. Ratliff violated the terms and conditions of the March 11, 2025, Consent Order under section (c)... refusing to fully and timely comply with all of MPRP's rules, referrals, and requirements, and by refusing to comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and

¹ A copy of the March 11, 2025, Consent Order, and the December 15, 2025, Order After Show Cause Hearing are incorporated by reference and available upon request.

screenings as directed, section (e) and (f), by failing to sign any out-of-state written release/consent forms, and section (b) by refusing to sign his Participant Rehabilitation Plan. Additionally, the *Order After Show Cause Hearing* terminated the terms and conditions under the March 11, 2025, *Consent Order*.

Pursuant to the December 15, 2025, *Order After Show Cause Hearing*, Dr. Ratliff's license was reprimanded and suspended for a minimum of seven (7) months from the effective date of the Order and until Dr. Ratliff has complied with the following terms and conditions: reenrollment in MPRP and shall fully and timely cooperate and comply with all its rules, referrals, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP.

The *Order After Show Cause Hearing* further outlined that after the minimum period of suspension has passed and if MPRP finds and notifies the Board that Dr. Ratliff is safe to return to the practice of medicine, Dr. Ratliff may submit a written petition to the disciplinary panel to terminate the suspension of his license. MPRP has notified the Board that Dr. Ratliff is safe to return to the practice of medicine and seven months have passed.

It is, thus, by Panel A, hereby,

ORDERED that the suspension imposed under the December 15, 2025, *Order After Show Cause Hearing*, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the reprimands imposed by the March 11, 2025, *Consent Order* and the December 15, 2025 *Order After Show Cause Hearing* remain in effect; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ratliff is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS**.² During the probationary period, Dr. Ratliff shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Ratliff shall remain enrolled in MPRP 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 rules, referrals, 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. Ratliff shall not withdraw his release/consent;
 - (d) sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Ratliff 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. Ratliff 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. Ratliff current therapists and treatment providers, and primary monitoring program) verbal and written information concerning Dr. Ratliff and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Dr. Ratliff, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol treatment records. Dr. Ratliff shall not withdraw his release/consent;
 - (e) if enrolled in a rehabilitation program in another State, the Respondent shall cooperate with all terms and conditions of the out-of-state rehabilitation program. Failure to comply with any term or condition of the out-of-state rehabilitation program constitutes a violation of this Order. Dr. Ratliff 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 the Respondent, and to ensure that the Board is authorized to receive the medical records of the Respondent, including, but not limited to, mental health, drug or alcohol evaluation

² If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and the probationary terms and conditions will be tolled.

and treatment records. The Respondent shall not withdraw the release/consent; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ratliff shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that after the minimum period of **TWO (2) YEARS** has passed, and if Dr. Ratliff has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and upon MPRP's determination that he can safely practice medicine without additional monitoring, Dr. Ratliff may submit a written petition to the disciplinary panel to request termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of Panel A. Dr. Ratliff may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel 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. Ratliff has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions, MPRP determines that Dr. Ratliff can safely practice medicine without additional monitoring, and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this *Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation*; and it is further

ORDERED that, if Dr. Ratliff allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, Dr. Ratliff 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 go 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 disputes as to a material fact, the Respondent 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. Ratliff has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, Panel A may reprimand Dr. Ratliff, place him on further probation with terms and conditions, suspend his license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke his license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Panel A may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Dr. Ratliff; and it is further

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

ORDERED that the effective date of this Order is the date the *Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation* is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director signs the *Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation* on behalf of Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that this *Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation* is a public document. See Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

08/12/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians