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| IN THE MATTER OF | * | BEFORE THE |
| DJORDJE ATANACKOVIC, M.D. | * | MARYLAND STATE |
| Respondent | * | BOARD OF PHYSICIANS |
| License Number: D0089361 | * | Case Number: 2225-0213 |
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CONSENT ORDER

Based on an investigation conducted by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board"), Disciplinary Panel Disciplinary Panel B of the Board has grounds to charge **DJORDJE ATANACKOVIC, M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D0089361, with violating the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* Prior to the issuance of disciplinary charges, the Respondent agrees to enter into this public Consent Order which consists of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

Specifically, Panel B finds that the Respondent violated the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 14-404. Denials, reprimands, probations, suspension, and revocations – Grounds.

(a) *In general.* -- 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[.]

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was, and is, licensed to practice medicine in Maryland under License Number D0089361. The license is currently active through September 30, 2026.

2. The Respondent practices as an attending physician and Professor of Medicine at a healthcare facility in Maryland specializing in Internal Medicine and Hematology/Oncology.

3. In June 2025, the Board received an anonymous complaint alleging that the Respondent was prescribing significant amounts of controlled dangerous substances (CDS) to a family member. Based on this complaint, the Board initiated an investigation.

4. The Board's investigation, including an interview with the Respondent and a review of the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) and pharmacy records, confirmed that between August 2022 and June 2025, the Respondent authorized sixteen (16) total medication dispensations for a family member. Specifically, the Respondent issued eleven (11) original prescriptions for Schedule IV CDS¹, which resulted in four (4) refills, for a total of fifteen (15) CDS dispensations. Additionally, the Respondent issued one (1) prescription for a non-controlled medication.

¹ The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration classifies CDS into five (5) categories or "schedules" based upon the drug's acceptable medical use and its potential for abuse and/or dependency. Schedule I drugs have a high potential for abuse and/or dependency while Schedule V drugs have the lowest potential for abuse and/or dependence.

5. The Respondent admitted during an under-oath interview on September 4, 2025, that he prescribed these scheduled drugs to the family member to treat acute exacerbations of anxiety and insomnia.

6. The Respondent acknowledged that he did not maintain a formal medical record or conventional chart for the family member, nor did he perform formal physical examinations prior to writing these prescriptions.

7. The American Medical Association (AMA) Ethics Opinion 1.2.1 generally prohibits physicians from treating or prescribing to immediate family members except in emergencies or isolated settings, noting concerns of “professional objectivity, patient autonomy, and informed consent.”

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent’s actions in prescribing scheduled drugs to a family member and failing to maintain a medical record constitute unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii).

ORDER

It is thus by Panel B hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent’s medical license is hereby **REPRIMANDED**;
and it is further

ORDERED that within one (1) year from the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). 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 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 the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this 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 this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

03/10/2026
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly¹ U U
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Djordje Atanackovic, 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 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

03/04/2026
Date

Djordje Atanackovic, M.D.

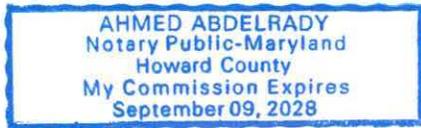
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 4th day of March 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, Djordje Atanackovic, 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 WITNESSTH my hand and notarial seal.



Ahmed Abdelrady
Notary Public

My commission expires: 9/9/28