

IN THE MATTER OF
RYAN C. STOUT, PA-C
Applicant

BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE
BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Case Number: 2225-0207A

CONSENT ORDER

On January 13, 2026, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) notified RYAN C. STOUT, PA-C (the “Applicant”) of its intent to deny his *Physician Assistant Application for Licensure*, filed on April 3, 2025, under the Maryland Physician Assistants Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) §§ 15-101 *et seq.* (LexisNexis 2025 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

Health Occ. § 15-311. Denial of License.

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15–315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum, may deny a license to any applicant for:

- (1) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under § 15–314 of this subtitle;

Health Occ. § 15-314. Reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation

- (a) Grounds. -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15-315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may reprimand any physician assistant, place any physician assistant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the physician assistant:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;

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- (3) Is guilty of:
 - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
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- (11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine;
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- (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:
 - (ii) Allowed the license issued by the state or country to expire or lapse;
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- (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine[.]

On April 15, 2026, Panel A was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on 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:

I. The Application

1. At all times relevant, the Applicant is not and has never been licensed as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland.

2. On or about April 3, 2025, the Board received the Applicant’s *Physician Assistant Application for Licensure*, filed on April 3, 2025 (the “Application”).

3. In the Application, the Applicant reported having an inactive license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of North Carolina under License Number 0010-03926.

4. In the Application under "Character and Fitness," the Applicant answered "NO" to the following questions:

- A. Question #3: Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason?
- B. Question #11: Has your employment or contractual relationship with any hospital, HMO, other health care facility, health care provider, or institution, armed services or the Veterans Administration ever been terminated for disciplinary reasons?
- C. Question #13: Have you ever surrendered your license or allowed it to lapse while you were under investigation by any licensing or disciplinary board of any jurisdiction, any entity of the armed services or the Veterans Administration?

II. Board Investigation

A. North Carolina Medical Board Investigation/Proceedings

5. In or around August 2021, the North Carolina Medical Board ("NCMB") conducted an investigation which found that that the Applicant, while working as a physician assistant, was terminated by his employer after testing positive for cocaine on a drug screen. The NCMB investigation further found that the Applicant failed to comply with an NCMB order issued on November 4, 2021, requiring the Applicant to undergo a comprehensive examination.

6. On or about March 23, 2023, the NCMB issued a “Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing” (the “NC Charges”) against the Applicant and scheduled a hearing for October 19, 2023.

7. In the NC Charges, the NCMB charged the Applicant with being unable to practice with reasonable skills and safety by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality; and failing to comply with a NCMB order.

8. On or about August 24, 2023, the Applicant’s North Carolina physician assistant license was inactivated for failure to register.

9. On or about September 19, 2023, the NCMB issued an Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice dismissing the NC Charges based on the inactivation of the Applicant’s license.

B. False Statements and Omissions to the Maryland Board

10. In response to Character and Fitness Question #3 in the Application, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that in or around August 2021 the NCMB investigated him and later issued disciplinary charges against him on March 23, 2023, for testing positive for cocaine while working as a physician assistant and for failing to comply with NCMB order requiring him to undergo a comprehensive examination.

11. In response to Character and Fitness Question #11, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that he was

terminated in his position as a physician assistant by his employer on August 6, 2021, after testing positive for cocaine.

12. In response to Character and Fitness Question #13, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that he allowed his North Carolina physician assistant's license to be inactivated or lapsed on August 24, 2023, while he was under investigation by the NCMB and pending licensing disciplinary charges.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant fraudulently or deceptively attempted to obtain a license, is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine, was subject to investigation by a licensing or disciplinary authority in another state and allowed the license issued by that state to expire or lapse, and willfully made a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(1), (3)(ii), (11), (24)(ii), and (36), respectively.

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED, that the Application of **RYAN C. STOUT** to practice medicine as a physician assistant in Maryland, filed on April 3, 2025, is **GRANTED**; and it is further

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

ORDERED that the Applicant's license to practice medicine in Maryland is **SUSPENDED**¹ from the effective date of this Consent Order. During the suspension, the Applicant shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

(1) The Applicant shall not:

- (a) practice medicine;
- (b) take any actions after the effective date of this Consent Order to hold himself out to the public as a current provider of medical services;
- (c) authorize, allow or condone the use of the Applicant's name or provider number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care provider;
- (d) function as a peer reviewer for the Board or for any hospital or other medical care facility in the state;
- (e) prescribe or dispense medications;
- (f) perform any other act that requires an active physician assistant license.

(2) The Applicant shall undergo a comprehensive evaluation by the **Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP")** and/or its agents to determine the Applicant's fitness to practice medicine safely and competently as a physician assistant. The following conditions apply:

- (a) Within **5 business days** of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Applicant shall contact MPRP to schedule an initial consultation for enrollment;

¹ If the Applicant's license expires during the period of suspension, the suspension and any conditions will be tolled.

- (b) Within **15 business days** of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Applicant shall enter into a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP;
- (c) The Applicant shall 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(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;
- (d) The Applicant shall 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. The Applicant shall not withdraw the release/consent;
- (e) The Applicant 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 the Applicant's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning the Applicant and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of the Applicant, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. The Applicant shall not withdraw the release/consent;
- (f) If, upon the authorization of MPRP, the Applicant transfers to a rehabilitation program in another state, the Applicant's failure to comply with any term or condition of that state's [the out-of-state's] rehabilitation program, constitutes a violation of this Consent Order. The Applicant 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 Applicant, and to ensure that the Board is authorized to receive the medical records of the Applicant, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. The Applicant shall not withdraw the release/consent;
- (g) The Applicant's failure to comply with any of the above terms and conditions including terms or conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) or Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) constitutes a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that a violation of suspension constitutes a violation of the Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the Applicant has complied with all terms and conditions of suspension, and upon a report from MPRP to the Board that the Applicant has complied with all of the requisite referrals and treatment and is safe to practice medicine, the Applicant may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of suspension. The Applicant may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his petition for termination. After consideration of the petition, and if the disciplinary panel determines that is safe for the Applicant to practice medicine, the suspension will be terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel, and the disciplinary panel may impose any terms and conditions it deems appropriate on the Applicant's practice of medicine including, but not limited to, probation and/or continuation of the Applicant's enrollment in MPRP. If the disciplinary panel determines that it is not safe for the Applicant to practice medicine, the suspension shall be continued through an order of the disciplinary panel for a length of time determined by the disciplinary panel, and the disciplinary panel may impose any additional terms and conditions it deems appropriate; and it is further

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

ORDERED that, if the Applicant allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 Applicant has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Applicant, place the Applicant on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, suspend the Applicant's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Applicant'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 Applicant; 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 this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

CONSENT

I, Ryan C. Stout, PA-C, acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without 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.

5/12/2026
Date

Signature on File

Ryan C. Stout, PA-C
Applicant

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland
CITY/COUNTY OF Charles

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 12 day of May 2026, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Ryan C. Stout, PA-C, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: _____

3/15/2028

Patricia A. Rupprecht
Notary Public
Charles County, Maryland
My Commission Expires 3/15/2028

ACCEPTANCE

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

05/13/2026
Date

Signature on File

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