

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
JENNIFER S. CECIL, PA-C	*	STATE BOARD OF
Applicant for Reinstatement after Revocation	*	PHYSICIANS
License No.: C04321	*	Case No.: 8821-0003
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**ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

On July 7, 2016, Disciplinary Panel B (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (“the Board”) revoked the Maryland physician assistant license of Jennifer S. Cecil, PA-C. On February 25, 2021, the Board received Ms. Cecil’s application for the reinstatement of her license. On August 25, 2021, Panel B met with Ms. Cecil to consider her application.

**II. PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL HISTORY**

Ms. Cecil was originally licensed to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland in October, 2010. On June 11, 2015, the Panel summarily suspended her license following its determination that she had written fraudulent prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances (“CDS”), was addicted to CDS, and had failed to answer all questions truthfully on her 2015 renewal application. On September 10, 2015, Ms. Cecil subsequently entered into a Consent Order that concluded she had violated multiple grounds of the Maryland Physician Assistants Act: Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(1) (fraudulently or deceptively obtains a license); § 15-314(a)(3)(ii) (unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine); § 15-314(a)(11) (willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine); § 15-314(a)(27) (prescribes drugs for illegal or illegitimate purposes); and § 15-314(a)(36) (willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure). The Consent Order terminated the summary suspension, suspended Ms. Cecil’s license for a minimum of 18 months and

required her to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) and comply with all MPRP recommendations and requirements for evaluation and treatment. Following Ms. Cecil’s enrollment in MPRP, she was subsequently discharged for cause by MPRP on October 27, 2015 due to her unwillingness to follow the program’s recommendations. Ms. Cecil appeared for a Show Cause hearing before the Panel on April 27, 2016 and conceded that she had failed to comply with MPRP’s recommendations and violated the September 10, 2015 Consent Order. On July 7, 2016, Panel B issued an Order After Show Cause Hearing revoking Ms. Cecil’s license to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland. On February 25, 2021, the Board received Ms. Cecil’s application for reinstatement.

### **III. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION**

The reinstatement of a physician assistant’s license after revocation is discretionary. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-409. Panel B must consider whether post-disciplinary reinstatement is in the interest of the health and welfare of the general public and consistent with the best interest of the profession. COMAR 10.32.02.06B(7).

Since her revocation, Ms. Cecil has sought and successfully continued treatment in appropriate programs. From July, 2015 to April, 2018, she participated in a Maryland program before moving to Florida in April, 2018, after which she began, participated, and remained in ongoing remedial treatment to the present. Ms. Cecil was employed in customer service positions from 2016 to 2018 and has taken care of family members in Florida since 2018. Throughout the application process, Ms. Cecil has expressed insight and reflection into her offenses by accepting full responsibility for her actions and conveying remorse for her conduct. In addition, Ms. Cecil has demonstrated genuine investment in and commitment to her recovery and has been fully engaged in taking extensive measures to appropriately address the issues that led to the

revocation of her license in July, 2016. Ms. Cecil has also completed the requisite credit hours for continuous medical education.

The Panel concludes that Ms. Cecil has no current impairing conditions that would adversely impact her ability to practice safely as a physician assistant. Reinstatement with probation and certain probationary conditions is within the interest of the health and welfare of the general public and is consistent with the best interest of the profession. The Panel, therefore, grants Ms. Cecil's application for reinstatement subject to probation and certain probationary conditions.

#### **IV. ORDER**

It is thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby

**ORDERED** that pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-409, the license of Jennifer S. Cecil to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Ms. Cecil is placed on **PROBATION**<sup>1</sup> until she has satisfactorily complied with the following terms and conditions:

1. Ms. Cecil shall obtain and provide verification of current and active NCCPA<sup>2</sup> certification to the Board.
2. Ms. Cecil shall enroll and remain enrolled in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") until she has been evaluated by MPRP and until she fully and satisfactorily complies with and completes all of MPRP's requirements as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> If Ms. Cecil's license expires while the license is on probation, the probationary period will be tolled. COMAR 10.32.02.05C(3).

<sup>2</sup> NCCPA stands for the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

- (a) Within **5 BUSINESS DAYS** of the effective date of this Order, Ms. Cecil shall contact MPRP to schedule a consultation for enrollment;
- (b) Within **15 BUSINESS DAYS** of the effective date of this Order, Ms. Cecil shall enter into a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP;
- (c) Ms. Cecil 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) Ms. Cecil 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. A failure to, or withdrawal of consent, is a violation of this Order;
- (e) Ms. Cecil 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 Ms. Cecil's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Ms. Cecil and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Ms. Cecil, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. Ms. Cecil shall not withdraw her release/consent; and
- (f) Ms. Cecil's failure to comply with any of the above terms or conditions including terms or conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) or Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) constitutes a violation of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Ms. Cecil shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if Ms. Cecil has fully and satisfactorily complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and after a satisfactory evaluation by MPRP, Ms. Cecil may submit a

written petition for termination of probation to the Board. After consideration of the petition, and a determination that Ms. Cecil has complied with the relevant terms of this Order of Reinstatement, the probation may be terminated through an order of a disciplinary panel. Ms. Cecil may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss her petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the disciplinary panel, if Ms. Cecil has successfully complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and if there are no pending complaints related to the charges that led to the revocation of her license on July 7, 2016; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if Ms. Cecil allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, Ms. Cecil shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines that 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. If the disciplinary panel determines that there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Ms. Cecil 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 Ms. Cecil has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand Ms. Cecil, place Ms. Cecil on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Ms. Cecil's license to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland. The disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Ms. Cecil; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Ms. Cecil is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order of Reinstatement; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the effective date of this Order is the date the Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or designee signs the Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Order, and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607 and 14-411.1, and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b) (2014 & 2019 Supp.).

*Signature on File*

10/07/2021  
Date

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