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¹ The statements regarding Panel A's investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent initially was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on May 18, 1970, under License Number D0007132. The Respondent's license expires on September 30, 2027, subject to renewal.

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

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent practiced medicine from a private medical office located in Towson, Maryland.

4. On or about August 11, 2025, the Board received an anonymous complaint alleging that the Respondent was acting as a primary care physician for a family member (the "Family Member")² and prescribing controlled dangerous substances ("CDS") to the Family Member.

5. Based on the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

6. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained and reviewed records from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP") involving the Respondent. After reviewing the Respondent's PDMP records, the Board obtained copies of the CDS prescriptions the Respondent issued to the Family Member from the pharmacies.

² For confidentiality and privacy purposes, the names of individuals and health care facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain the names of all individuals and health care facilities referenced in this document by contacting the administrative prosecutor.

7. The Board's investigation revealed that from in or around July 2013 to in or around July 2025, the Respondent issued approximately 22 prescriptions for Schedule IV and V CDS to the Family Member under non-emergent circumstances.

8. Also, as part of its investigation, Board investigators obtained the Family Member's medical records and interviewed staff members (the "Staff Members") who oversaw the care of the Family Member at the health care facility (the "Facility") that ultimately led to the anonymous complaint. The Family Member's medical records and Facility Staff Members' interviews revealed that the Family Member was admitted to the Facility in or around late July to early August 2025 for acute health conditions.

9. During the Family Member's stay at the Facility, the Staff Members had frequent interactions with the Respondent, who was present throughout the Family Member's stay at the Facility. The Staff Members learned from the Respondent that he served as the Family Member's primary care physician and had prescribed CDS to the Family Member for many years. From their frequent interactions with the Respondent, the Facility Staff Members had concerns about the Respondent's own health conditions and ethical behavior, including, but not limited to, the Respondent serving as the Family Member's primary care physician; the Respondent prescribing CDS to the Family Member for many years under non-emergent circumstances; the Respondent's own demeanor; and the Respondent self-disclosing certain of his own medical conditions.

10. On or about November 3, 2025, the Respondent submitted a written response to the complaint to the Board. In his written response, the Respondent admitted to assuming the role of the Family Member's primary care physician after the Family

Member's previous primary care physician became a concierge physician. The Respondent further admitted that he frequently referred the Family Member to specialists to address the Family Member's health care needs. The Respondent stated that he was "not aware of any prohibition on treating my immediate family" and immediately transferred her care to a primary physician after receiving the complaint from the Board.

11. On or about December 16, 2025, the Respondent was subject to an evaluation by the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") pursuant to the Board's authority under Health Occ. § 14-402(a). Based on the evaluation, the MPRP clinical team had concerns about the Respondent's "safety to practice including continuing to hold a medical license."³

12. On or about January 7, 2026, the Respondent signed an agreement with MPRP voluntarily agreeing to cease the practice of medicine until further development.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2025 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the Respondent's license is summarily suspended.

³ For confidentiality and privacy reasons, the specific information concerning the MPRP clinical team evaluation will not be disclosed in this document. This information will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request. The Panel reviewed this information prior to the issuance of this Order.

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:45 a.m.** before Panel A at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation hearing before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set within thirty (30) days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2025 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Disciplinary Panel A, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b)(6).

01/28/2026
Date

Signature On File

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Maryland State Board of Physicians