

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**GEORGE WATHEN, M.D.**

**Respondent**

**License Number: D20629**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* MARYLAND STATE**  
**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**\* Case Number: 7721-0123**

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### **ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION**

On April 29, 2021, Disciplinary Panel B (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and George Wathen, M.D. entered into a Consent Order, wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Wathen engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine and failed to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care.<sup>1</sup> Dr. Wathen was reprimanded and placed on probation for a minimum period of two (2) years with certain terms and conditions, including successfully completing a course in Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”) prescribing within six (6) months, supervision during the probationary period by a disciplinary panel-approved supervisor who is board-certified in pain medicine, and paying a five thousand dollar (\$5,000.00) civil fine within two (2) years. Dr. Wathen was also permanently prohibited from prescribing and dispensing CDS to himself or family members, and ordered that on every January 31<sup>st</sup> thereafter, should he hold a Maryland medical license, shall provide the Board with an affidavit verifying that he has not prescribed or dispensed CDS to himself or family members in the past year. Dr. Wathen has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the April 29, 2021 Consent Order and two (2) years have passed. It is thus hereby

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of the Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

**ORDERED** that the probation imposed by the April 29, 2021 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the reprimand remains in effect; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Wathen remains permanently prohibited from prescribing and dispensing Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”) to himself or family members; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Wathen shall provide the Board with an affidavit every January 31<sup>st</sup> that he holds a Maryland medical license, verifying that he has not prescribed or dispensed CDS to himself or family members in the past year; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if Dr. Wathen fails to provide the required annual verification of compliance:

- (1) There is a presumption that the Respondent has violated the permanent condition; and
- (2) The alleged violation will be adjudicated pursuant to the procedures of a Show Cause Hearing; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is a public document.

05/29/2024  
Date

***Signature On File***

Christine A. Farrelly  
Executive Director  
Maryland State Board of Physicians