

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE

PHILIP J. RUZBARSKY, M.D.

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MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

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BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D33599

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Case Number: 7724-0091 A

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ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

On February 14, 2024, Disciplinary Panel A (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) issued an Amended Cease and Desist Order¹, wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Philip J. Ruzbarsky, M.D. failed to meet the appropriate standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records with regard to his Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”) prescribing practices and treatment of chronic pain patients, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22) and (40), respectively. Dr. Ruzbarsky was ordered to cease and desist from prescribing and dispensing all CDS beginning and including February 26, 2024, and prohibited from prescribing or dispensing CDS to new patients beginning February 9, 2024.

On May 23, 2024, the Panel and Dr. Ruzbarsky entered into a Consent Order², wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Ruzbarsky violated Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22) and (40). The Consent Order terminated the February 14, 2024, Amended Cease and Desist Order, reprimanded Dr. Ruzbarsky, permanently prohibited him from prescribing and dispensing Schedule II CDS, permanently prohibited him from delegating to Physician Assistants

¹ The February 9, 2024 Cease and Desist Order was superseded by the February 14, 2024 Amended Cease and Desist Order.

² The February 9, 2024 Cease and Desist Order, February 14, 2024 Amended Cease and Desist Order, and May 24, 2024 Consent Order are incorporated by reference and available by request.

prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II CDS, and placed him on probation until he successfully completes a course in medical recordkeeping.

Dr. Ruzbarsky has successfully completed the medical recordkeeping course and has complied with all of the terms and conditions of probation imposed by the May 23, 2024, Consent Order.

It is thus, by the Panel, hereby

ORDERED that the probation imposed by the May 23, 2024 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**, and it is further

ORDERED that the reprimand remains in effect and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ruzbarsky remains permanently prohibited from prescribing and dispensing Schedule II CDS and permanently prohibited from delegating to Physician Assistants prescribing and dispensing of Schedule II CDS, and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Ruzbarsky shall provide the Board with an affidavit every January 31st that he holds a Maryland medical license, verifying that he has not prescribed or dispensed Schedule II CDS in the past year, nor he has delegated to Physician Assistants prescribing or dispensing of Schedule II CDS in the past year; and it is further

ORDERED that if Dr. Ruzbarsky fails to provide the required annual verification of compliance;

- (1) This will be construed that Dr. Ruzbarsky has violated the permanent condition; and
- (2) That 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.

Signature On File

9/6/24
Date

Ellen Douglas Smith
Deputy Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians