

IN THE MATTER OF
ROBERT JAMES BALL, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D54991

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE**
*** BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**
*** Case Number: 7723-0004**

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ORDER TERMINATING PROBATION

On July 21, 2022, Disciplinary Panel B (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and Robert James Ball, M.D. entered into a Consent Order, wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Ball failed to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in the State, and failed to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review. Dr. Ball was reprimanded and placed on probation for a minimum of two (2) years with certain probationary terms and conditions, including successfully completing courses in prescribing opioids and buprenorphine and medical documentation within six (6) months, and, supervision during the probationary period for a minimum of one (1) year by a disciplinary panel-approved supervisor who is board certified. Furthermore, Dr. Ball was prohibited from prescribing and dispensing opioids and buprenorphine, delegating to any physician assistant the prescribing of opioids and buprenorphine, certifying patients for the medical use of cannabis during the probationary period until after he successfully completed the courses and has a disciplinary panel-approved supervisor approved.¹

On October 4, 2022, after successful completion of the courses and the Panel’s approval of Dr. Ball’s supervisor, the Panel issued a Termination Order² which terminated the prohibition on Dr. Ball’s

¹ The July 21, 2022 Consent Order ordered that after Dr. Ball successfully completed the courses and the Panel approved his supervisor, the prohibition on prescribing and dispensing opioids and buprenorphine may be administratively terminated through an Order of the Panel.

² Copies of the Consent Order and Termination Order are incorporated by reference and available upon request.

ability to prescribe and dispense opioids and buprenorphine. Furthermore, it ordered that the reprimand and probation terms and conditions imposed by the July 21, 2022 Consent Order remain in effect.

Dr. Ball has fully and satisfactorily completed all of the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the July 21, 2022 Consent Order, and two (2) years have passed.

It is thus, by the Panel, hereby

ORDERED that the probation imposed by the July 21, 2022 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**;
and it is further

ORDERED that the reprimand imposed by the July 21, 2022 Consent Order remains in effect;
and it is further

ORDERED that this is a public document.

10/30/2024
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians