

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
MELISSA S. VANSICKLE, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHYSICIANS
License Number: D0085135	*	Case Number: 2226-0050

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CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Melissa S. Vansickle, M.D., (the “Respondent”) License Number D0085135, was disciplined by the State of Vermont Board of Medical Practice (the “Vermont Board”). In a “Stipulation and Consent Order” (the “Order”) dated September 3, 2025, the Vermont Board disciplined the Respondent by (1) issuing a reprimand, (2) ordering that the Respondent complete Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) courses in “ethics and professionalism” and “medical direction,” (3) requiring that the Respondent retain a “practice monitor” for a minimum of three (3) years (subject to terms and conditions), (4) requiring that the Respondent notify the Vermont Board should she practice medicine in Vermont and (5) assessing an administrative penalty of \$10,000.00

Based on the above referenced Vermont Board sanction, the Maryland Board has grounds to charge the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), under H. O. § 14-404(a):

- (a) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:

- (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veteran's Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section,

Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Vermont would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a). The grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

- (3)(ii) Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (18) Practices medicine with an unauthorized person or aids an unauthorized person in the practice of medicine;
- (22) Fails 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 in any other location in this State;
- (43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine[.]

In violation of H.O. § 14-601. Practicing without license:

- (1) A person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in the State unless licensed by the Board[.]

Based on the action taken by the Vermont Board, the Respondent agrees to enter into this Consent Order with Panel B, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed in Maryland on or about April 6, 2018.
2. From approximately December 2021 through July 2023, the Respondent was the medical director of Bijou Blu Spa, LLC (the “business”) in Vermont, which provided “services including intravenous (“IV”) therapy, intramuscular (“IM”) injections, and cosmetic injections.”
3. Specifically, the Respondent’s role included “approving written standing orders/protocols that directed patient care at [the business] and answering questions from employees.” The Respondent “did not examine the patients, make a diagnosis, develop a treatment plan, or identify a clinical indication for the medications prescribed,” and “all patient care ... was provided by registered nurses (“RNs”),” which was performed without the Respondent’s supervision.
4. Between June 2022 and July 2023, the Respondent approved five standing orders (the “orders”) to include orders for Vitamin B12 IM injections and IV infusion therapy that “authorized RNs to conduct a pre-treatment evaluation, make an assessment, develop a treatment plan, and administer... injections” to patients without supervision.
5. The orders permitted RNs to administer and initiate treatment even if “the patient had not been examined or evaluated by a physician ... with prescribing authority...” Furthermore, the orders authorized “RNs to exceed their scope of practice by making a medical diagnosis and developing and executing a treatment plan” since the orders did not “constitute valid prescriptions.”

6. On or about November 20, 2022, the Respondent's license expired and was not renewed until December 13, 2022.

7. On or about December 2, 4, 9, and 10, 2023, four patients received IV infusions under the Respondent's 2022 orders.

8. On or about December 27, 2021, the Respondent executed an "Agreement for Purchase of Office Compounded Use" (the "Agreement") for the business to purchase compounded drugs from a compounding pharmacy. The Agreement was signed by the Respondent and listed her DEA and NPA registration numbers, but "identified the non-licensed owner of [the business] as the practitioner."

9. The Agreement contained a "Physician Statement Regarding Office Visit Requirements" which the Respondent executed and agreed that "a physical, in person, examination will be performed by the prescribing physician who will determine some logical connection exists between the complaint, medical history, the physical examination, and the drug prescribed prior to sending a prescription" to the pharmacy. However, the "Respondent did not examine any patients" or "establish a physician-patient relationship" while she was the medical director of the business.

10. During a visit to the business, a Vermont Board investigator discovered prescriptions signed by the Respondent that did not include patient information but had blank sections "to identify the prescribed medication."

11. The Vermont Board found that the Respondent was guilty of issuing "prescriptions to patients pursuant to standing orders without examining [the patients], making a diagnosis, developing a treatment plan, or identifying a clinical indication for the medications," issuing "four prescriptions for medications ... when she did not have a

license,” “made and filed false reports when she issued prescriptions ... without first conducting physical, in-person patient examinations and determining that the medications were clinically indicated,” “unprofessional conduct when she signed a blank prescription form [and delegating] professional responsibilities to a person whom she knows is not qualified,” and “permitting [the business] to use her name and license to open an account with and order medication ... when she was not in charge of or responsible for the treatment provided by [the business].”

12. By Order dated September 3, 2025, the Vermont Board disciplined the Respondent by (1) issuing a reprimand, (2) ordering that the Respondent complete Continuing Medical Education (“CME”) courses in “ethics and professionalism” and “medical direction,” (3) requiring that the Respondent retain a “practice monitor” for a minimum of three (3) years (subject to terms and conditions), (4) requiring that the Respondent notify the Vermont Board should she practice medicine in Vermont and (5) assessing an administrative penalty of \$10,000.00.

A copy of the Vermont Board Order is attached hereto.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is subject to discipline under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(21) for the disciplinary action taken by the Vermont Board against the Respondent for an act or acts that would be grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. §14-404(a)(3)(ii),(18),(22), and (43) in violation of H.O. § 14-601(1).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that within **ONE (1) YEAR**, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete a course in (a) ethics and professionalism; and (b) medical direction. The following terms apply:

- (a) it is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in, and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the course before the course is begun;
- (b) the Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the course;
- (c) the course may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
- (d) the Respondent shall not use the courses completed for the Vermont Board Stipulation and Consent Order to satisfy the requirements of this Consent Order;
- (e) the Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of the September 3, 2025, Vermont Board Stipulation and Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further,

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

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

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

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. §4-333(b)(6).

10/29/2025
Date

Signature on file

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, MWS, acknowledge that I have consulted with legal counsel before signing this document.

[OR]

I, _____, acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

10/14/25
Date

Signature on file

Melissa S. Vansickle, M.D.
Respondent

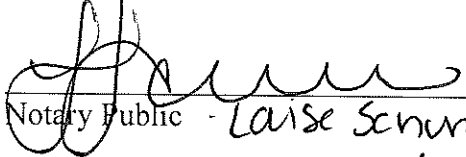
NOTARY

STATE OF Michigan

CITY/COUNTY OF Jackson

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of October, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally Melissa S. Vansickle, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.


Notary Public - Louise Schumaker

My Commission expires: 11/9/27

LOUISE SCHUMAKER
NOTARY PUBLIC - MICHIGAN
JACKSON COUNTY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES NOVEMBER 9, 2027
ACTING IN Jackson COUNTY