IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE

CHARLES J. LANCELOTTA, JR., M.D.

MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D09071

Case Number: 2220-0236A

ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **CHARLES J. LANCELOTTA, JR., M.D.** (the "Respondent"), License Number D09071, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:

¹ The statements regarding Panel A's investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with 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.

- 1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on January 18, 1971, under License Number D09071. The Respondent's license is current through September 30, 2022.
 - 2. The Respondent is board-certified in neurological surgery.
- 3. At all times relevant, the Respondent is the owner of a medical practice where he works part time and he holds hospital privileges at a hospital in Howard County (the "Hospital").

THE COMPLAINT

4. On or about April 1, 2020 the Board received a complaint from a former patient ("Complainant") about an incident that occurred in 2013.

BOARD INVESTIGATION

- 5. On receipt of the Complaint, the Board initiated an investigation into the allegation. As part of its investigation, Board staff conducted interviews with the Respondent, witnesses, and subpoenaed records including the Respondent's personnel file and the Complainant's medical records.
- 6. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about August 10, 2020, the Hospital reprimanded the Respondent and required him to undergo an intake evaluation and education by a physician health program (the "Program").
- 7. On or about January 28, 2021, at the direction of the Program, the Respondent underwent an independent evaluation to determine his present fitness to safely practice medicine. On or about March 2, 2021, the Board received the report from the

independent evaluators. Based on his comprehensive testing and evaluation, the evaluator concluded that the Respondent is "incapable of practicing medicine safely" as a result of his condition.²

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7).

ORDER

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

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the license of the Respondent, Charles Lancelotta, M.D., License Number D09071, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation hearing in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. before Disciplinary Panel A at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and it is further

² In order to maintain confidentiality, the details of the report will not be disclosed in this Order, but the evaluation report will be made available to the Respondent upon request.

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation summary suspension hearing held 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 held 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; and it is further

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

03/05/2021 Date Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians