IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

AKRAM A. SALIHI, M.D.

\* MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D17536

\* Case Number: 2219-0178A

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 **AKRAM A. SALIHI, M.D.,** (the "Respondent"), license number D17536, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Disciplinary Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2019 Supp.) and Code of Maryland Regulations ("COMAR") 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), 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:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct 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 licensed to practice medicine in Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on December 19, 1974. His license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2021.
- 2. The Respondent reports he is Board certified in Pediatrics.
- 3. The Respondent practices Pediatric Medicine in a private office.
- 4. On or about May 7, 2020, the Board's staff interviewed the Respondent about a Complaint regarding the Respondent's practice. During the interview, Board staff noticed that the Respondent had difficulty answering many questions about his background, employment history, and/or employees that he employed and regularly worked with at his office.
- 5. Based on the concerns noted during the interview the Board referred the Respondent to the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (MPRP) for an evaluation regarding his fitness to practice medicine.
- 6. On or about June 19, 2020, the Respondent participated in an MPRP evaluation performed by qualified, licensed practitioners, who conducted a clinical review and examination.
- 7. Subsequently, MPRP prepared a report which noted concerns that would prevent the Respondent from being able to continue to practice in a safe manner.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The nature of the report is confidential.

- 8. MPRP recommended that the Respondent voluntarily agree to sign a practice cessation agreement, and that the Respondent participate in an independent comprehensive evaluation. MPRP referred the Respondent for an examination scheduled for June 30, 2020.
- 9. The Respondent, however, stated that he would not sign the agreement, and that he wanted to continue to practice until his scheduled date for retirement.

  The Respondent stated that he planned to continue to see patients. He also requested that the comprehensive examination be rescheduled and did not appear on the scheduled date. Subsequently, the evaluation was rescheduled for another date.

## 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 State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR. 10.32.02.08B(7)(a).

## **ORDER**

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

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and be it further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation Summary Suspension Hearing in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08 B(7), C & E is scheduled for Wednesday July 29, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., before Panel A, at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and be it further

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) calendar days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held within thirty (30) calendar days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and be it further

**ORDERED** that this Order of Summary Suspension is a public document pursuant to Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

07/15/2020 Date Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director Maryland State Board of Physicians