

IN THE MATTER OF
RONALD E. MILLER, M.D.

Respondent

Licensed Number: D26499

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 7723-0026

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TERMINATION ORDER

On October 17, 2022, Disciplinary Panel A (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and Ronald E. Miller, M.D., entered into a Consent Order, wherein the Panel concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Miller failed to meet the appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care and failed to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Respondent was reprimanded, and placed on probation for a minimum of one (1) year, required to successfully complete courses in medical recordkeeping and prescribing opioids and benzodiazepines, and required to obtain a disciplinary panel-approved supervisor who is board-certified in Internal Medicine who will submit quarterly reports to the Board for a minimum of one (1) year (four quarterly reports). Further, the Respondent was prohibited from prescribing and dispensing opioids and benzodiazepines until after he successfully completed the required courses and obtained a Board disciplinary panel-approved supervisor.¹ The Respondent has completed the required courses and the Panel has approved the Respondent’s proposed supervisor. It is thus hereby

ORDERED that the prohibition on the Respondent’s ability to prescribe and dispense opioids and benzodiazepines is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

¹ A copy of the Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

ORDERED that the reprimand remains in effect; and it further

ORDERED that the **PROBATION** imposed by the October 17, 2022 Consent Order remains in effect;² and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be subject to supervision for a minimum period of **ONE (1) YEAR** (four quarterly reports)³ by his approved supervisor, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) the Respondent shall grant the supervisor access to patient records selected by the supervisor from a list of all patients, which shall, to the extent practicable, focus on the type of treatment at issue in the Respondent's charges;
- (b) if the supervision for any reason ceases to provide supervision, the Respondent shall immediately notify the Board and shall not practice medicine beyond the 30th day after the supervisor has ceased to provide supervision and until the Respondent has submitted the name and professional background, and written notice of confirmation, from a proposed replacement supervisor to the disciplinary panel;
- (c) it shall be the Respondent's responsibility to ensure that the supervisor;
 - (1) reviews the records of 10 patients each month, such patient records to be chosen by the supervisor and not the Respondent;
 - (2) meets in-person with the Respondent at least once each month and discuss in-person with the Respondent the care the Respondent has provided for these specific patients;

² If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

³ If the Respondent is not practicing medicine, the supervision shall begin when Dr. Miller resumes the practice of medicine and the Panel has approved the proposed supervisor. Dr. Miller shall submit the name of a proposed supervisor at least 30 days before he returns to the practice of medicine and shall be subject to supervision by a disciplinary panel approved supervisor upon the return to the practice of medicine.

- (3) be available to the Respondent for consultations on any patient;
 - (4) maintains the confidentiality of all medical records and patients information;
 - (5) provides the Board with quarterly reports which detail the quality of the Respondent's practice, any deficiencies, concerns, or needed improvements, as well as any measures that have been taken to improve patient care; and
 - (6) immediately reports to the Board any indication that the Respondent may pose a substantial risk to patients;
- (d) the Respondent shall follow any recommendations of the supervisor;
 - (e) if the disciplinary panel, upon consideration of the supervisory reports and the Respondent's response, if any, has a reasonable basis to believe that the Respondent is not meeting the standard of quality care or failing to keep adequate medical records in his or his practice; the disciplinary panel may find a violation of probation after a hearing; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that the disciplinary panel may issue administrative subpoenas to the Maryland Drug Monitoring Program on a quarterly basis for the Respondent's CDS prescriptions. The administrative subpoenas will request the Respondent's CDS prescriptions from the beginning of each quarter; and it is further;

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Termination Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation, the minimum period of probation imposed by the October 17, 2022 Consent Order has passed, and after the Respondent's supervisor has submitted to the Board four quarterly reports that are satisfactory to the Panel, the Respondent may submit to the Board a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be administratively terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel if the Respondent has complied with all the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that this Termination Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Executive Director of the Board. The Executive Director signs the Termination Order on behalf of the Board Disciplinary Panel A; and it is further;

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

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Termination 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 Hearing 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 Termination Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with

appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland. 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 Termination Order is a public document.

04/04/2023
Date

Signature On File
Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians