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Re: Bernard Cohen, M.D.
Case No.: 2222-0064B
License No.: D26518

Dear Dr. Cohen and Counsel:

On May 11, 2022, Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians issued an **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE** in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2). On May 25, 2022, Dr. Cohen was given an opportunity to attend a post-deprivation hearing before Disciplinary Panel B to show cause why that suspension should not be continued. Dr. Cohen attended the hearing on that date and was represented by counsel, M. Natalie McSherry, Esquire. The State was represented by Robert J. Gilbert, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor. Both parties presented oral argument at the post-deprivation hearing.

After consideration of the parties' presentations, Disciplinary Panel B determined, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the health, welfare, and safety of the public imperatively required the disciplinary panel to summarily suspend Dr. Cohen's license and that there exists a substantial risk of serious harm to the public health, safety or welfare in Dr. Cohen's continued practice. Disciplinary Panel B thus will not terminate the summary suspension order at this time,

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and the summary suspension imposed on May 11, 2022, is reaffirmed and continues. *See* COMAR 10.32.02.08H(1).

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Under the Board's regulations, Dr. Cohen has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. This request will be granted if the Board receives a written request for the hearing within **TEN (10) days** of the date of this letter. Any request for a hearing should be sent to Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director, at the Board's address. If Dr. Cohen requests such a hearing, the regulations require that an Administrative Law Judge set the hearing to begin within 30 days of the request, *see* COMAR 10.32.02.08I, though Dr. Cohen may waive that 30-day requirement.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board through Disciplinary Panel B resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Sincerely,

Signature On File

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