

Bernard A. Cohen

September 13, 2023

Date: _____

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair
Disciplinary Panel B
Maryland State Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

Re: Permanent Surrender of License to Practice Medicine
Bernard A Cohen, M.D.
License Number: D26518
Case Number: 7723-0074

Dear Dr. Ajrawat and Members of Disciplinary Panel B:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §14-403 (2021 Repl. Vol.), I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D26518, effective immediately. I understand that upon the surrender of my license, I may not practice medicine, with or without compensation, in the State of Maryland as it is defined in the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I understand that the surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland.

I understand that this Permanent Letter of Surrender is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**, and upon Disciplinary Panel B’s (“Panel B”) acceptance, becomes a **FINAL ORDER** of Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”).

I acknowledge that the Board originally opened an investigation based on a Mandated 10-Day Report from my place of employment reporting my voluntary resignation of my medical staff membership and clinical privileges while under investigation. My license to practice medicine was summarily suspended on May 11, 2022 and I was subsequently charged with being professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent. As a resolution to the charges, I entered into a Consent Order with Panel B on July 21, 2022 that concluded, as a matter of law, that I violated the disciplinary ground as alleged, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(4). The Consent Order terminated the summary suspension, suspended my license, and required that I undergo a comprehensive evaluation by the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program and/or its agents to determine my fitness to practice medicine safely.

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I acknowledge that the Board issued an Order on Petition to Terminate Suspension on April 19, 2023 that continued the suspension of my medical license.

I have decided to permanently surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland because I have retired from the practice of medicine.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly and freely chosen to submit this Permanent Letter of Surrender in lieu of continuing to comply with the suspension of my license.

I understand that the Board will advise the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner Data Bank of this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I also understand that in the event I would apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014), and that this Letter of Surrender constitutes a disciplinary action by Panel B.

I affirm that I have already provided access to and copies of patient medical records to my patients in compliance with Title 4, subtitle 3 of the Health General Article. I also agree to surrender my Controlled Dangerous Substances Registration to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration.

I further recognize and agree that by submitting this Permanent Letter of Surrender, my license in Maryland will remain permanently surrendered. In other words, I agree that I have no right to reapply and will not reapply for a license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have been advised of my right to be represented by an attorney of my choice throughout proceedings before Panel B, including the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I understand both the nature of Panel B's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I acknowledge that I understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms and effect of this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily.

Very truly yours,

Signature On File

Bernard A. Cohen, M.D.

Harbhajan Ajrawat, M.D., Chair, and Members of Disciplinary Panel B

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NOTARY

STATE OF md
CITY/COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 06 day of September, 2023 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Bernard A. Cohen, M.D., and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Permanent Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



Olga V King
Notary Public

My commission expires:

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of Disciplinary Panel B, on this 13th day of September, 2023, I, Christine A. Farrelly, accept Bernard A. Cohen, M.D.'s, **PUBLIC SURRENDER** of his license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians