

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**MICHAEL MORRIS, M.D.**

**Respondent**

**License Number: D30027**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* MARYLAND STATE**  
**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**\* Case Number: 7720-0053**

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**ORDER COMMENCING PROBATION**

On September 6, 2019, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged **MICHAEL MORRIS, M.D.**, (the “Respondent”), License Number D30027, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2018 Supp.).

The Respondent resolved the disciplinary charges by entering into a Consent Order with Panel A on December 2, 2019, wherein Panel A found that the Respondent grossly overutilized health care services, failed to meet the standard of quality medical care, and failed to maintain adequate medical records in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(19), (22), and (40). Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Respondent was reprimanded and placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **ONE (1) YEAR** to commence after the completion of Probationary Condition 1, which states:

“1. [the] Respondent shall enroll in and complete two courses. One course shall be in infectious disease and a second course shall be in medical documentation [...]”

The Respondent completed both of the required courses by April 15, 2020. It is thus hereby

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **ONE (1) YEAR**, effective April 15, 2020.<sup>1</sup> And it is further

**ORDERED** that the reprimand remains in effect; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall comply with the remaining condition, Condition 2, of the December 2, 2019 Consent Order, which states:

“2. As a term of probation, the Respondent is subject to a chart and/or peer review conducted by the disciplinary panel or its agents as follows”

(a) the Respondent shall cooperate with the peer review process;

(b) the disciplinary panel, in its discretion, may change the focus of the chart and/or peer review if the Respondent changes the specialty of his or her practice;

(c) if the disciplinary panel, upon consideration of the chart and/or peer review and the Respondent’s response, if any, determines that the Respondent is meeting the standard of quality care in his or her practice, the disciplinary panel shall consider the peer review condition of the Consent Order met;

(d) a peer and/or chart review indicating that the Respondent has grossly overutilized medical services, has not met the standard of quality care, and/or has failed to keep adequate medical records may be deemed, by a disciplinary panel, a violation of probation and/or a violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(19), (22), and/or (40);” and it is further

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

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<sup>1</sup> If the Respondent’s license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

**ORDERED** that, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of probation imposed by the Order Commencing Probation has passed, the Respondent may submit to the Board a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his or her petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation, through an order of the disciplinary panel, if the Respondent has complied with all probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints relating to the charges; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of the Order Commencing Probation; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order Commencing Probation, 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 Hearings followed by an exceptions process before a disciplinary panel; and if the disciplinary panel determines that 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 Order Commencing Probation, 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 the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order Commencing Probation; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the effective date of the Order Commencing Probation is the date the Order Commencing Probation is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director signs the Order Commencing Probation on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Order Commencing Probation, and it is further

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

04/21/2020  
Date

***Signature on File***

Christine A. Farrelly  
Executive Director  
Maryland State Board of Physicians