



# MARYLAND Department of Health Board of Physicians

*Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary*

March 14, 2019

Robert Hardi, M.D.

Ari Wilkenfeld, Esq.  
Wilkenfeld, Herendeen & Atkinson  
1731 Connecticut Ave NW, Third Floor  
Washington, DC 20009

Michael Brown, Assistant Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
300 West Preston Street, Suite 302  
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Re: Robert Hardi, M.D.  
Case No.: 2218-0152A  
License No.: D30771

Dear Dr. Hardi and Counsel:

On March 5, 2019, Disciplinary Panel A 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)(i) (2014 Repl. Vol.).

On March 13, 2019, Disciplinary Panel A held a post deprivation hearing to show cause why that suspension should not be continued. You attended the hearing on that date along with your counsel, Mr. Wilkenfeld. The State was represented by Michael Brown, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor. Both parties presented oral arguments at the hearing. You also submitted three exhibits that the Board accepted and considered as part of the record.

After considering these arguments at the hearing, the exhibits, and the investigative file, Disciplinary Panel A determined that it would continue the summary suspension imposed on March 5, 2019. Disciplinary Panel A thus will not lift the summary suspension order. Disciplinary Panel A finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires the suspension of Dr. Hardi's license. *See* State Gov't, § 10-226(c)(2)(i). The order of summary suspension is thus reaffirmed and continues. *See* COMAR 10.32.02.08H(1). Disciplinary Panel

Re: Robert Hardi, M.D.

March 14, 2019

Page 2

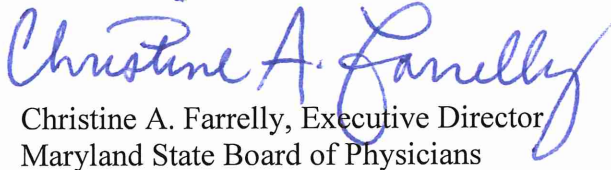
A, through its counsel, advised you and Mr. Wilkenfeld and the administrative prosecutor of this decision orally on the hearing date.

### **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

Under the Board regulations, Dr. Hardi has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. To receive the evidentiary hearing, Dr. Hardi or his counsel must file the request for the hearing within **TEN (10)** days of the date of this letter. The request for a hearing should be sent to Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, at the Board's address. If the hearing is timely requested, 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 that 30-day time period may be waived.

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

Sincerely yours,

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