

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**GARY J. SPROUSE, M.D.**

**Respondent**

**License Number: D32036**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* MARYLAND STATE**  
**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**\* Case Number: 7720-0091**

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**ORDER**

On March 11, 2020, Disciplinary Panel A (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and Gary J. Sprouse, M.D. entered into a Consent Order<sup>1</sup>, wherein Panel A concluded, as a matter of law, that Dr. Sprouse failed to meet the standards of quality medical care and failed to keep adequate medical records, and violated Condition 5 of the Final Decision and Order of July 11, 2016 by failing to comply with the Act, specifically Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22) and § 14-404(a)(40).<sup>2</sup> Dr. Sprouse was reprimanded, permanently prohibited from prescribing and dispensing all Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”), permanently prohibited from delegating to physician assistants the prescribing or dispensing of all CDS, permanently prohibited from certifying patients for the medical use of cannabis, ordered to surrender his CDS Registration to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration (“OCSA”) and ordered to pay a fine of \$15,000.00 within one (1) year. Dr. Sprouse has surrendered his CDS Registration to OCSA and has paid the \$15,000.00 fine. It is thus hereby

**ORDERED** that the surrender of the CDS Registration to OCSA and fine imposed by the March 11, 2020 Consent Order have been **SATISFIED**; and it is further

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<sup>1</sup> Ordered that the effective date of the Consent Order is ninety (90) days after the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board.

<sup>2</sup> A copy of the Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

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

**ORDERED** that the permanent prohibitions on prescribing and dispensing all CDS, delegating to physician assistants the prescribing or dispensing of all CDS, and certifying patients for the medical use of cannabis remains in effect; and it is further

**ORDERED** that on every January 31<sup>st</sup> thereafter if the Respondent holds a Maryland medical license, the Respondent shall provide the Board with an affidavit verifying that the Respondent has not prescribed or dispensed any of the prohibited CDS in the past year, has not delegated the prescribing or dispensing of CDS to any physician assistant, and has not certified patients for the medical use of cannabis in the past year; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent fails to provide the required annual verification of compliance with these conditions:

- (1) there is a presumption that the Respondent has violated the permanent conditions of the March 11, 2020 Consent Order; and
- (2) the alleged violation will be adjudicated pursuant to the procedures of a show cause hearing; and is further

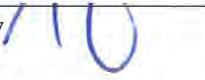
**ORDERED** that the disciplinary panel may issue administrative subpoenas to the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program on a quarterly basis for the Respondent's CDS prescriptions. The administrative subpoenas will request the Respondent's CDS prescriptions from the beginning of each quarter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

**ORDERED** that this is a public document.

Date

06/22/2021

*Signature on File*

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