

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
HUGH L. PREAS, II, M.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
RESPONDENT	*	OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D43021	*	Case Number: 7719-0107
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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On April 25, 2019, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians, (“Board”) and Hugh L. Preas, II, M.D., (“Respondent”), license number D43021, entered into a Consent Order, (“Consent Order”) wherein the Respondent’s license was suspended for a minimum of fifteen 15 business days, and until the Respondent enrolled in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”)¹

On May 3, 2019, the Respondent enrolled in MPRP. Based upon the conclusion of the minimum fifteen (15) business days, the Respondent’s compliance with all terms and conditions of the suspension, and the Respondent’s written petition for termination of suspension; it is hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed under the April 25, 2019 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO (2)** years. During the probationary period, the Respondent shall fully and satisfactorily comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. The Respondent shall remain enrolled in MPRP and comply with his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan, which includes a third-party vocational monitor.

¹ The April 25, 2019 Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

2. Within **SIX (6) MONTHS** of the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent is required to take a one-to-one tutorial in professional workplace behavior. The following terms apply:

- a. It is the Respondent's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the disciplinary panel's approval of the course before the course is begun;
- b. The disciplinary panel will not accept a course taken over the internet;
- c. The Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the course;
- d. The course may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal; and
- e. The Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course.

3. Within **SIX (6) MONTHS** of the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of \$10,000.00. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board.

4. The Respondent shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-101 – 14-702, and all federal and state laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of two (2) years of probation imposed by the Consent Order has passed, the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the Respondent's probation may be terminated through an order of

the disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss 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 this Order and the Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order or the Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If 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 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 or the Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend 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, 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 and the Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

05/17/2019
Date

Christine A. Farrelly
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Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians