IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

GEORGE A. OYLER, M.D.

MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D46921

**Case Number: 2223-0007B** 

# ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **GEORGE A. OYLER**, **M.D.**, (the "Respondent"), license number D46921 to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

Panel B takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Govt § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

## **INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel B and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel B, including the instances described below, Panel B has reason to believe that the following facts are true:

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice medicine

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

- in Maryland on November 30, 1994. His license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2023.
- 2. The Respondent was formerly board-certified in neurology; however, his board certification expired in December 2006.

#### PRIOR DISCIPLINARY HISTORY

- 3. The Respondent has a lengthy disciplinary history before the Board.
- 4. On January 16, 1996, the Respondent entered into a non-public agreement with the Board related to a medical condition that was affecting his practice of medicine.<sup>2</sup>
- 5. The Respondent thereafter violated the terms and conditions of the non-public agreement.
- 6. On September 26, 1996, the Respondent submitted a Letter of Surrender (Letter of Surrender #1) in lieu of further prosecution of pending disciplinary charges regarding his violation of the non-public agreement.
- 7. On June 13, 1997, the Respondent entered into an agreement with a program (the "Program")<sup>3</sup> that monitored his condition and related issues.
- 8. On December 24, 1997, the Board issued an Order reinstating the Respondent's license and placed him on probation for five (5) years. The probation was subject to certain conditions, including but not limited to the condition that the Respondent fully comply with the terms of Program's monitoring contract into which the Respondent had entered.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The nature of the Respondent's medical condition is confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The name of the Program is confidential.

- 9. On or about September 28, 2000, the Board received information that the Respondent had violated the Program's monitoring contract.
- 10. On December 20, 2000, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Board that placed the Respondent on probation for an additional five (5) years and required the Respondent to comply with the terms and conditions of his Program monitoring contract.
- 11. On November 18, 2003, the Respondent once again submitted a Letter of Surrender (Letter of Surrender #2) after he violated the 2000 Consent Order.
- 12. Letter of Surrender #2 provided that the Respondent's license would remain surrendered for a minimum period of three (3) years and until he complied with conditions including documentation that he had received treatment for his medical condition and that he enter into a new monitoring contract with the Program for a minimum of five (5) years.
- 13. On October 26, 2016, Panel B issued an Order of Reinstatement after the Respondent demonstrated that he had satisfied the conditions required for reinstatement. Pursuant to the Order of Reinstatement, Panel B placed the Respondent on probation for a minimum of three (3) years subject to the terms that he enter into a new Program monitoring contract and comply fully with the Program's treatment directives.
- 14. The 2016 Order of Reinstatement further provided that Panel B would consider a petition for early termination of probation after the Respondent satisfactorily completed one (1) year of probation and agreed to continued monitoring by the

- Program for the duration that he possesses an active license to practice medicine in Maryland.
- 15. On November 1, 2017, the Panel B terminated the Respondent's probation.
- 16. On June 30, 2020, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order after a Board investigation revealed that he had signed patient discharge forms at a health facility where he was then employed with names other than his own. The names included "Donald J. Trump" and "I am Ironman." Under the terms of the Consent Order the Respondent was reprimanded and required to pay a civil fine of \$500.00.

### **Current Investigative Findings**

- 17. On March 16, 2022, the Respondent was admitted to a hospital ("Hospital 1")<sup>4</sup> after he engaged in self-injurious behavior.<sup>5</sup> The Respondent's conduct was unrelated to the medical condition for which the Program was monitoring him.
- 18. Hospital 1 discharged the Respondent on March 22, 2022.
- 19. On July 13, 2022, the Respondent was admitted to a hospital ("Hospital 2") after he once again engaged in self-injurious behavior.
- 20. While a patient at Hospital 2, the Respondent prescribed controlled dangerous substances ("CDS") to several patients. On July 16, 2022, the Program's Medical Director notified the Respondent that he was not to practice medicine until he had been cleared by the Program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The names of the hospitals are confidential.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The specific nature of the self-injurious behavior is confidential.

- 21. The Respondent continued to prescribe CDS to patients after being instructed by the Program's Medical Director that he was not to do so.
- 22. Hospital 2 discharged the Respondent on August 10, 2022.
- 23. The Program's Medical Director concluded that the Respondent is not currently capable of practicing medicine safely.<sup>6</sup>
- 24. The Respondent's current medical condition and his demonstrated impaired judgment poses a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety or welfare.

# **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Disciplinary Panel B concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226 (c)(2)(i) (2021 Repl. Vol.), Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B7(a).

#### ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusion of Law, it is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), the license GEORGE A. OYLER, M.D. to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED; and it is further

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The specific findings of the Medical Director are confidential.

ORDERED that a post-deprivation summary suspension hearing in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08E has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 24, 2022, at 12:30 p.m. at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue. Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and be it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation summary suspension hearing held before Panel B, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held within thirty (30) days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a copy of this Order of Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol.); and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order for Summary Suspension is an Order of Panel B and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4–101 *et seq.* 

08/11/2022 Date Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians