

IN THE MATTER OF
PAUL J. MACKOUL, M.D.

Respondent

License Number D47612

*** BEFORE THE**
*** MARYLAND STATE**
*** BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**
*** Case Number 7721-0107**

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On March 9, 2021, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) issued a Final Decision and Order that concluded that Paul J. Mackoul, M.D. (the “Respondent”), had engaged in unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, grossly overutilized health care services, and failed to meet appropriate standards of care for the delivery of quality medical care. Pursuant to the Final Decision and Order, the Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was suspended for a minimum of one (1) month, effective thirty (30) calendar days from the effective date of the Order. The Final Decision and Order also provided that, upon termination of the suspension, the Respondent shall be placed on probation for a minimum of two (2) years with terms and conditions.

A minimum of one (1) month has passed from April 8, 2021, the effective date of the suspension; it is thus hereby:

ORDERED that the suspension imposed by the Final Decision and Order dated March 9, 2021, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **TWO (2) YEARS**.¹ During the probation, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

¹ If the Respondent’s license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled

1. Within **THREE (3) MONTHS**, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete an ethics course addressing ethical issues and human participant protection in human subject research. 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 accept a course taken in-person or over the internet during the state of emergency;
 - c. The Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that he has successfully completed the course;
 - d. The course may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
 - e. The Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course.
2. During the first year of probation, the Respondent is prohibited from engaging in any human subject research.
3. During the second year of probation, the Respondent may engage in human subject research and is required to submit his research protocol and IRB approval to the Board for review and approval prior to commencing the research.
4. Within **TWO (2) YEARS**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00)**. 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; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation; and it is further

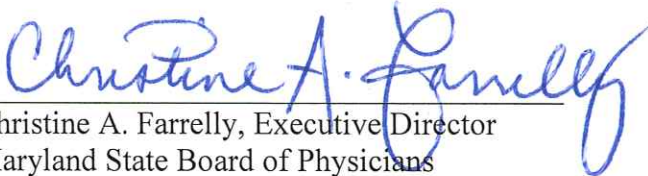
ORDERED that the Respondent shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term of condition imposed by this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing 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 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 Terminating Suspension and Imposing 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 this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6) (2014 & 2019 Supp.).

05/10/2021
Date


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