

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
EDWARD J. ARRISON, M.D. * MARYLAND STATE
Respondent * BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D50993 * Case Number: 7721-0057

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**ORDER ON PETITION TO TERMINATE SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL
LICENSE**

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On November 17, 2020, **EDWARD J. ARRISON, M.D.**, License Number D50993, entered into a Consent Order with Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”). In the Consent Order, Panel A concluded that Dr. Arrison was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, was professionally, physically, or mentally incompetent, was habitually intoxicated, provided professional services while under the influence of alcohol, willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine; and willfully made a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §§ 14-404(a)(3(ii), (4), (7), (9)(i), (11) and (36).¹

Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel A suspended Dr. Arrison’s Maryland medical license for a minimum period of one year and required Dr. Arrison to comply with certain conditions of suspension, including: enrolling and participating in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”); and participating in all

¹ The December 14, 2020 Consent Order is incorporated by reference and is available upon request.

therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP. The Consent Order provided that Dr. Arrison may submit a written petition to terminate the suspension, upon notification to the Board by MPRP that Dr. Arrison is safe to return to the practice of medicine. The Consent Order further provided that if the Panel determined that Dr. Arrison could safely return to the practice of medicine, the suspension may be terminated through an order of the Panel, and the Panel may impose any terms and conditions it deemed appropriate on Dr. Arrison's return to practice, including, but not limited to, probation and/or continuation of Dr. Arrison's enrollment in MPRP. On November 29, 2021, Dr. Arrison filed a petition to terminate the suspension.

On December 2, 2021, MPRP provided a written update on Dr. Arrison's ongoing participation in and compliance with MPRP, which noted that Dr. Arrison had adhered to the program's requirements. In endorsing Dr. Arrison's return to the practice of medicine, MPRP recommended that Dr. Arrison: work for a full year with continued documented abstinence and engagement in activities of recovery; have appropriate oversight and monitoring in any practice setting; be excluded from practicing in solo practice settings; and be prohibited from making house calls. MPRP also recommended that Dr. Arrison have toxicology monitoring implemented at the highest intensity at intervals determined by MPRP.

On March 9, 2022, Dr. Arrison appeared before Panel A for consideration of his petition. Panel A reviewed Dr. Arrison's file and heard oral presentations from Dr. Arrison, his counsel, and the administrative prosecutor for the State.

ORDER

Disciplinary Panel A finds that Dr. Arrison has complied with the terms of the November 17, 2020 Consent Order and is safe to return to the practice of medicine if specific terms and conditions are in place. It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel A hereby:

ORDERED that the suspension imposed by the November 17, 2020 Consent Order is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the permanent condition set forth in Dr. Arrison's Consent Order dated November 7, 2013, remains in effect. As required by that Consent Order, Dr. Arrison shall not practice pain management. Dr. Arrison may order, prescribe, and administer controlled dangerous substances ("CDS") as defined in § 5-101(g) of the Criminal Law Article, but only as part of the practice of anesthesiology, and only perioperatively; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Arrison is placed on **PROBATION**² for a minimum period of **FOUR (4) YEAR(S)** from the effective date of this Order. During the probationary period, Dr. Arrison shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Dr. Arrison shall obtain Panel A's approval of any practice setting in which he intends to practice medicine. Upon his return to the practice of medicine, Dr. Arrison shall inform the Board in writing of his current employer or employers, the employer's or employers' address or addresses, and of all locations, including hospitals, at which Dr. Arrison provides health care services. Dr. Arrison shall keep the Board

² If Dr. Arrison's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

informed of any subsequent employment changes within five business days of the change.

3. Dr. Arrison shall not practice medicine as a solo practitioner or make house calls.

4. Dr. Arrison shall remain enrolled in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (“MPRP”) as follows:

- (a) Dr. Arrison shall continue his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP, or be entered into an amended Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan, as determined by MPRP;
- (b) Dr. Arrison shall fully and timely cooperate and comply with all MPRP’s referrals, rules, and requirements, including, but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and screenings as directed by MPRP;
- (c) Dr. Arrison shall sign and update the written release/consent forms requested by the Board and MPRP, including release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board and to authorize the Board to disclose relevant information from MPRP records and files in a public order. Dr. Arrison shall not withdraw his release/consent;
- (d) Dr. Arrison shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange with (i.e., disclose to and receive from) outside entities (including all of Dr. Arrison’s current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written information concerning Dr. Arrison and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive the medical records of Dr. Arrison, including, but not limited to, mental health and drug or alcohol evaluation and treatment records. Dr. Arrison shall not withdraw his release/consent; and
- (e) Dr. Arrison’s failure to comply with any of the above terms or conditions, including the terms or conditions of the Participant

Rehabilitation Agreement(s) or Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) constitutes a violation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that a violation of probation constitutes a violation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Arrison shall not apply for early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that after Dr. Arrison has fully and satisfactorily complied with all terms and conditions of probation, and the minimum period of probation imposed by this Order has passed, Dr. Arrison may submit a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of a disciplinary panel. Dr. Arrison may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his petition for termination. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation through an order of the disciplinary panel, if Dr. Arrison has successfully complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and if there are no pending complaints related to the charges that led to the November 17, 2020 Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, if Dr. Arrison allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, Dr. Arrison 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,

Dr. Arrison 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 Dr. Arrison has failed to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand Dr. Arrison, place Dr. Arrison on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, suspend Dr. Arrison's license with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke Dr. Arrison'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 Dr. Arrison; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Arrison is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Order is the date the Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs the Order on behalf of Disciplinary Panel A, which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order on Petition to Terminate Suspension is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6). (Repl. Vol. 2021).

03/16/2022
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians