



C. Requirements.

- (1) In accordance with the requirements specified in §C(2) of this regulation, an applicant shall earn at least 50 credit hours of Category 1 CME during a 2-year period.<sup>1</sup>

D. On the application form for renewal or reinstatement, the applicant shall attest to the fact that the applicant has completed the CME requirement.

Prior to the issuance of formal disciplinary charges, the Respondent agreed to enter into the following public Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent was and is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. She was initially licensed in Maryland on June 3, 2004.
2. On September 29, 2022, the Respondent signed the affirmation in her 2022 renewal application that she had obtained the required 50 Category 1 CME credit hours during the two-year period.
3. During the renewal process, the Respondent received a Continuing Education Audit Notice, requiring that she submit documentation of her CME credits to the Board.
4. Based upon the information received from the Respondent, she had obtained only 21 hours of the required 50 credit hours of Category I CME, not 50 hours as affirmed by the Respondent.
5. The Respondent's failure to provide documentation of 50 credit hours of Category I CME and signing the certification regarding CME requirements on the 2022 renewal constitute a failure to comply with the statute and regulations.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board's Disciplinary Panel concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent violated §14-316(c) of the Health Occupations Article and COMAR 10.32.01.10C(1) by failing to obtain the requisite continuing medical education credits.

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<sup>1</sup> "2-year period" means: (i) For license renewal, the 2 years preceding the expiration of the physician license or (ii) For license reinstatement, the 2 years preceding the date of the submission of the application for reinstatement of the physician license. COMAR 10.32.01.10A(2)(a).

## ORDER

It is hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$2,900) (One Hundred Dollars per missing CME credit hour pursuant to §14-316(d)(6) of the Health Occupations Article) to the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check payable to the "Maryland Board of Physicians" and mailed to P. O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-3217; and be it further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. For the two years preceding the expiration of the physician's license, 2024 renewal (2022-2024 renewal), the Respondent shall obtain the required 50 credit hours of Category I CME mandatory for the 2024 renewal and the outstanding 29 hours of Category I CME credits that were not obtained during the 2022 renewal, a total of 79 Category I CME credit hours;

2. The Respondent shall send verification of all CME credits prior to sending in the 2024 renewal to the Board. Board staff will verify the 79 hours of Category I CME credits that are sent to the Board. All 79 hours of the Category I CME credits must be ACCME-approved;

3. The Respondent's license shall not be renewed unless the requirements of paragraphs 1 and 2 are met; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, 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 Consent Order, 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 the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

***Signature On File***

03/09/2023  
Date

Christine A. Farrelly  
Executive Director  
Maryland State Board of Physicians

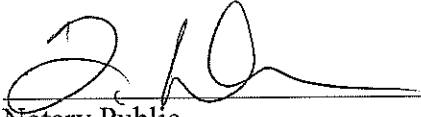
**CONSENT**

I, Robynne Chutkan, M.D., acknowledge that I have had an opportunity to consult with counsel before entering into and signing this document. By this Consent, and in order to resolve



M.D. and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

  
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Notary Public

My Commission expires: 09.14.2023

