

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**KARLENE V. ROSS, M.D.**

**Respondent**

**License Number D66434**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* MARYLAND STATE**  
**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**\* Case Number 7720-0135**

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**ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION**

On February 24, 2020, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians charged Karlene V. Ross, M.D., (the “Respondent”) under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2019 Supp.).

As a resolution to the charges, the Respondent entered into a Consent Order with Panel A on June 29, 2020 that concluded that she was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii), on proper request, failed to provide details of a patient’s medical record to a patient, another physician, or hospital, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(13), and failed to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board or a disciplinary panel, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(33).<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Respondent’s license to practice medicine in Maryland was suspended for fifteen (15) days commencing on the effective date of the Consent Order, the Respondent was required to pay a civil fine of \$10,000.00 within two (2) years, and upon termination of the suspension, the Respondent was placed on probation for a minimum of one year with certain terms and conditions.

Fifteen (15) days have passed from June 29, 2020, the effective date of the Consent Order.

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<sup>1</sup> The June 29, 2020 Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

It is thus hereby:

**ORDERED** that the suspension imposed by the June 29, 2020 Consent Order, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, within **TWO (2) YEARS** from the June 29, 2020 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 review or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that that Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **ONE (1) YEAR**.<sup>2</sup> The Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

Within **SIX (6) MONTHS**, the Respondent is required to take and successfully complete a course in professional communication. 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 Respondent must provide documentation to the disciplinary panel that the Respondent has successfully completed the course;
- (c) The course may not be used to fulfill to the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
- (d) The Respondent is responsible for the cost of the course; and it is further

**ORDERED** that a violation of the probation or any other term or condition of this order constitutes a violation of this Order and the June 29, 2020 Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the effective date of the Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is the date that Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation is signed by the

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<sup>2</sup> If the Respondent's license expires during the period of probation, the probation and any conditions will be tolled.

Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs this Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of the Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, after a minimum of one year has passed and the Respondent has been compliant with the terms and conditions of this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation,<sup>3</sup> the Respondent may submit a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the Respondent's probation may be administratively terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel if the Respondent has complied with all the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

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

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this 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 that 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, the disciplinary

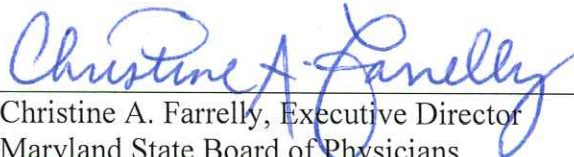
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<sup>3</sup> Because the fine is due after the minimum period of probation, probation could be terminated before the fine is paid.

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).

07/15/2020  
Date

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