

IN THE MATTER OF
SUSAN ANDREWS, M.D.

Respondent

License No: D67708

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BEFORE THE

MARYLAND STATE

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

Case No: 7718-0064

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On December 14, 2017, Susan Andrews, M.D., license number D67708, and Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") entered into a Consent Order. Under the terms of the Consent Order, Panel A suspended Dr. Andrews's license and required her to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") for evaluation and referral for treatment.¹ The Consent Order provides that, if MPRP determined that Dr. Andrews were safe to return to the practice of medicine and if she complied with MPRP's recommendations and requirements, she may petition Panel A to lift the suspension of her license. The Consent Order also provides that if the suspension were terminated, Panel A could impose any terms and conditions it deemed appropriate on her return to practice.

On February 24, 2018, MPRP provided a written update to Panel A on Dr. Andrews's ongoing participation in and compliance with MPRP. MPRP endorsed Dr. Andrews's return to the practice of medicine. On February 26, 2018, Dr. Andrews petitioned the Board for the termination of her suspension. On May 9, 2018, Dr. Andrews appeared before Panel A for consideration of her petition.

¹ Under Health Occ. § 14-101.1(g), the Board was required to contract with a nonprofit entity to provide rehabilitation services. The Board contracted with the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") for these services.

Panel A finds that Dr. Andrews has complied with the terms of the Consent Order and is safe to return to the practice of medicine. It is, thus, hereby

ORDERED that the suspension imposed under the December 14, 2017, Consent Order is **TERMINATED** and Dr. Andrew's medical license (license #D67708) is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Andrews is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **THREE (3) YEARS**.² During the probationary period, Dr. Andrews shall fully and satisfactorily comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Andrews shall remain enrolled in MPRP for the length of time recommended by MPRP and shall continue to be entered into a Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and a Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP. Dr. Andrews shall fully and timely cooperate and comply with all of MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements;
2. Dr. Andrews shall sign and update the written release/consent forms as requested by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Andrews shall sign the release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any and all Program records and files possessed by MPRP. Dr. Andrews 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. Andrews's current therapists and treatment providers) verbal and written

² If Dr. Andrews's license expires while she is on probation, the probationary period and any probationary conditions will be tolled.

information concerning Dr. Andrews and to ensure that MPRP is authorized to receive Dr. Andrews's medical records;

3. Dr. Andrews shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 through 14-702, and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Dr. Andrews allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation ("Order"), Dr. Andrews shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If 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 and if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Dr. Andrews shall be given a show cause hearing before the Board or disciplinary panel; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the Board or Panel A determines that Dr. Andrews has failed to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order, the Board or disciplinary panel may reprimand Dr. Andrews, place Dr. Andrews on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Dr. Andrews's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The Board or disciplinary panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Dr. Andrews; and it is further

ORDERED that after **ONE (1) YEAR**, Panel A will consider a petition for early termination of probation if Dr. Andrews enters into a disposition agreement with the Board or Panel A that would require her to remain enrolled in monitoring through MPRP

and in compliance with conditions identical to Conditions 1-3 as set forth in this Order;
and it is further

ORDERED that if Dr. Andrews has not petitioned for early termination through the provision above, after a minimum period of **THREE (3) YEARS**, Dr. Andrews may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the Board or Panel A. Dr. Andrews may be required to appear before the Board or Panel A to discuss her petition for termination. The Board or Panel A will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Andrews has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

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

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the Order, any time period prescribed in this Order begins when this Order goes into effect. This Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

May 25, 2018
Date

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