

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
ALPHONSUS E. OKOLI, M.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number D73032	*	Case Number 7721-0110
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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On March 23, 2021, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) and Alphonsus E. Okoli, M.D. (the “Respondent”) entered into a Consent Order, in which the Panel determined, as a matter of law, that the Respondent had violated the June 21, 2018 Consent Order, was guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, failed to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care, failed to keep adequate medical records, and violated a rule or regulation adopted by the Board pertaining to the practice of medicine. Pursuant to the Consent Order, the Respondent was permanently prohibited from prescribing and dispensing all Controlled Dangerous Substances (“CDS”), his license was suspended for a minimum of six (6) months, and he was required to successfully complete a course in medical documentation. The Consent 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.

Six (6) months have passed from the March 23, 2021 Consent Order and the Respondent has successfully completed a course in medical documentation; it is thus hereby:

ORDERED that the suspension imposed by the Consent Order dated March 23, 2021, is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the permanent prohibition on prescribing and dispensing all CDS remains in effect; and it is further

ORDERED that on every January 31st thereafter if the Respondent holds a Maryland medical license, the Respondent shall provide the Board with an affidavit verifying that he has not prescribed or dispensed CDS in the past year; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to provide the required annual verification of compliance with this condition:

- (1) There is a presumption that the Respondent has violated this permanent condition; and
- (2) The alleged violation will be adjudicated pursuant to the procedures of a Show Cause Hearing; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is permanently prohibited from certifying patients for the medical use of cannabis; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to provide the required annual verification of compliance with this condition:

- (1) There is a presumption that the Respondent has violated this permanent condition; and
- (2) The alleged violation will be adjudicated pursuant to the procedures of a Show Cause Hearing; 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 **TWO (2) YEARS**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00)**. 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, after the Respondent has complied with all terms and conditions of probation and the minimum period of probation imposed by this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation has passed, the Respondent may submit to the Board a written petition for termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the disciplinary panel. The Respondent may be required to appear before the disciplinary panel to discuss his petition for probation. The disciplinary panel may grant the petition to terminate the probation, through an order of the disciplinary panel, if the Respondent has complied with all probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints relating to the charges, 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.).

09/29/2021

Date

Signature on File

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