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Re: Immirne M. Ouwinga, M.D.

Case No.: 2219-0045B License No.: D78131

Dear Dr. Ouwinga and Counsel:

On January 15, 2019, Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians issued an **ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE** in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't, § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2014 Repl. Vol.).

On January 30, 2019, Disciplinary Panel B held a postdeprivation hearing to show cause why that suspension should not be continued. Your counsel, Carolyn Jacobs, Esq, attended the hearing on that date on your behalf. The State was represented by Robert Gilbert, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor. Both parties presented oral arguments at the hearing.

After considering these arguments at the hearing and the investigative file, Disciplinary Panel B determined that it would continue the summary suspension imposed on January 15, 2019. Disciplinary Panel B thus will not lift the summary suspension order. Disciplinary Panel B finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires the suspension of Dr. Ouwinga's license. *See* State Gov't, § 10-226(c)(2)(i). The order of summary suspension is thus

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reaffirmed and continues. See COMAR 10.32. 02.08H(1). Disciplinary Panel B, through its counsel, advised Ms. Jacobs and the administrative prosecutor of this decision orally on the hearing date.

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Under the Board regulations, Dr. Ouwinga has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings. To receive the evidentiary hearing, Dr. Ouwinga or her counsel must file the request for the hearing within **TEN** (10) days of the date of this letter. The request for a hearing should be sent to Christine Farrelly, Executive Director, at the Board's address. If the hearing is timely requested, the regulations require that an Administrative Law Judge set the hearing to begin within 30 days of the request, *see* COMAR 10.32.02.08I, though that 30-day time period may be waived.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board through Disciplinary Panel B resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Sincerely yours,

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director