

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
SPENCER D. THOMAS, M.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D82725	*	Case Number: 2220-0069A

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **Spencer D. Thomas, M.D.** (the “Respondent”), License Number D82725, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2018 Supp.), having concluded that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

Based on information received by and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by, and made known and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that follow facts are true:

1. The Respondent is and, for all times relevant hereto, has been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to

¹ The statements about the Respondent’s conduct set forth in this document are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis for the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this action.

practice medicine in the State of Maryland on December 29, 2016, under License Number D82725. His license is active through September 30, 2019.

2. The Respondent completed a residency training program in anesthesiology. He has not reported any board certifications or self-designated practice areas to the Board.

3. On or about January 15, 2019, the Respondent self-reported to the Board that he had recently been treated for a condition² that is likely to impact his ability to practice medicine safely and competently.

4. On or about February 12, 2019, the Respondent provided the Board with a discharge summary from his treatment provider that detailed his condition as well as the treatment he received.

5. On or about June 21, 2019, the Board, having obtained the Respondent's prior authorization, obtained a copy of records from the Respondent's treatment provider. These records confirmed a diagnosis of and ongoing treatment for a specific condition that is likely to impact the Respondent's ability to practice medicine safely and competently.

6. By letter dated August 16, 2019, the Board directed the Respondent to contact a Board-approved program (the "Program") by August 26, 2019, and schedule an evaluation with the Program. The Board's letter further advised the Respondent that his failure or refusal to submit to an evaluation would be *prima facie* evidence of his inability to practice medicine competently.

² To maintain confidentiality, the Respondent's specific condition and treatment that he received will not be described in this Order. This information will be made available to the Respondent upon request.

7. On or about September 3, 2019, the Program received written notice that the Respondent was receiving treatment in Virginia and was unable to complete the previously ordered evaluation process.

8. As of the date of this Order, the Respondent has not completed an evaluation with the Program.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively require emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2018 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7)(a).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusion of Law, it is, by a majority of a quorum of Panel A, hereby

ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the license of the Respondent, Spencer D. Thomas, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Maryland, License Number D82725, is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that a post-depravation summary suspension hearing in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08E has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at 1:30 p.m.**, before Panel A at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; and it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation summary suspension hearing held before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) days an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be held within thirty (30) days of the request before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031; and it is further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-407 (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2018 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension is an Order of Panel A and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

10/02/2019
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians