

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
RAJ PAREKH, M.D. * MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent * OF PHYSICIANS
License Number D86866 * Case Number 2223-0130
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CONSENT ORDER

The Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") and the Respondent, Raj Parekh, M.D., agree to enter into this Consent Order in order to resolve Dr. Parekh's dispensing prescription medication without a permit issued by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On July 17, 2019, the Board issued Dr. Parekh a permit to dispense prescription medication in Maryland. The dispensing permit had an expiration date of July 15, 2024. However, H.O. §12-102(c)(2)(ii)4L requires a permit holder annually report to the respective board of licensure whether the physician has personally prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous year. Notices of the Annual Report for Physician's Permit to Dispense Prescription Drugs were sent to Dr. Parekh on July 1, 2021 and July 8, 2021. Each Notice advised Dr. Parekh that failure to provide the report may result in the lapse of the dispensing permit. Dr. Parekh did not respond to the Notices and the authorization for Dr. Parekh to dispense prescription medication lapsed on August 1, 2021. After the lapse of the dispensing permit issued on July 17, 2019, Dr. Parekh continued to dispense prescription medication in Maryland, although he did not have a permit to do so. On April 3, 2023, the Board received Dr. Parekh's application for physician's permit to dispense prescription drugs.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the findings of fact, Disciplinary Panel A concludes that Dr. Parekh failed to comply with § 12-102 of the Health Occupations Article, in violation of § 14-404(a)(28) of the Health Occupations Article. Section 12-102 of the Health Occupations Article requires that a physician dispensing prescription medication or devices has a permit issued by the Board. *See* Health Occ. § 12-102(c)(2)(ii)1.C.

ORDER

It is thus , by Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that, within 90 days, Dr. Parekh shall pay a civil fine of \$3000.00 by bank certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297; and it is further

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

ORDERED that if Dr. Parekh allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If the disciplinary panel determines that there is a genuine dispute as to 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 Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or revoke the Respondent's license. The disciplinary panel may, in addition, to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose an additional civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and be it further

ORDERED that this is a public document.

07/25/2023
Date

Signature On File

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

CONSENT

I, Raj Parekh, MD, acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before signing this document.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning this matter. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

Signature On File

7/19/23
Date

Raj Parekh, MD
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19th day of July, 2023, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally Raj Parekh, MD, and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Loni D. Graham
Notary Public

My Commission expires: December 20, 2025

