

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
JOSEPH M. PALUMBO, D.O.	*	STATE BOARD OF
RESPONDENT	*	PHYSICIANS
Maryland License Number: H0089001	*	Case Number: 2225-0212

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## ORDER

### PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Joseph M. Palumbo, D.O. (the “Respondent”), Maryland License Number H0089001, a physician licensed to practice medicine in Maryland via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the “Compact”), was disciplined by the Rhode Island Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline (the “Rhode Island Board”). In a Consent Order (“Order”), dated November 13, 2024, the Rhode Island Board issued a reprimand on the Respondent’s medical license and ordered the Respondent to pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.

Based on the above-mentioned Rhode Island Board sanction, the Maryland Board is authorized to discipline the Respondent, pursuant to the following:

Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Section 10 Disciplinary Actions provides:

- (a) Any disciplinary action taken by any member board against a physician licensed through the Compact shall be deemed unprofessional conduct that may be subject to discipline by other member boards, in addition to any violation of the Medical Practice Act or regulations in that state.  
....
- (c) If disciplinary action is taken against a physician by a member board not in the state of principal license, any other member board may deem the action conclusive as to matter of law and fact decided; and
  - (1) Impose the same or lesser sanction(s) against the physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the Medical Practice Act of that state[.]

Maryland Board Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) has determined that the acts for which the Respondent was disciplined in Rhode Island would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii) and (18) and is further deemed unprofessional conduct under Health Occ. 14-3A-01, Section 10(a).

A copy of the Rhode Island Board Order is attached hereto.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Under Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 Section 10(c), a compact member board may deem the facts in any disciplinary action taken against a physician by a member board to be conclusive as a matter of fact decided. Accordingly, Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland on or about March 4, 2020, under License Number H0089001.

2. In a Consent Order dated November 15, 2023, the Virginia Board of Medicine (the “Virginia Board”) assessed a monetary penalty of \$5,000 after its findings that as the owner and medical director of intravenous vitamin infusion facilities (“facilities”) located in Richmond, Hampton, and Norfolk, Virginia, which employed physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners (“employees”), the Respondent “aided and abetted the unlicensed practice of medicine . . . when he authorized and allowed staff to perform, outside of his direction, control and/or supervision...and discretionary duties requiring the exercise of professional judgement.”<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The Respondent violated Virginia Code §§54.1-2915(A)(3), (11), (13), (17), and (18), 54.1-3303(B), and 54.1-3408(B) and 18 VAC 85-20-29(A)(1) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Medicine, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatry and Chiropractic (“Regulations”).

3. The Virginia Board also found that the Respondent allowed the employees of the facilities to administer solutions to patients “without ensuring that all personnel were appropriately trained in and utilized the practices and principles of disinfection techniques.”<sup>2</sup>

4. Based on the Virginia Board Consent Order, the Rhode Island Board reprimanded the Respondent’s medical license and ordered the Respondent to pay administrative fees in the amount of \$1,100.

A copy of the Rhode Island Board Order and the Virginia Board Consent Order is attached hereto.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, based on the Rhode Island Board’s Conclusions of Law, and based on Health Occ. §14-3A-01 Section 10(a) and (c), Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(3)(ii) and practices medicine with an unauthorized person or aids an unauthorized person in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. §14-404(a)(18).

### **ORDER**

Pursuant to Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Section 10(c)(1), the Maryland Board hereby imposes the same sanction as the Rhode Island Board.

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent’s medical license in the State of Maryland is **REPRIMANDED**, and it is further

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<sup>2</sup> The Respondent violated Virginia Code §54.1-2915(A)(3), (13), (16), and (18) and 18 VAC 85-20-400(B) of its Regulations.

**ORDERED** that this Final Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. §4-333(b)(6).

07/09/2025  
Date

***Signature On File***

Christine A. Farrelly  
Executive Director  
Maryland Board of Physicians

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Pursuant to Health Occ. §14-408, the Respondent has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Final Order. The cover letter accompanying this Final Order indicates the date the decision is mailed. Any petition for judicial review shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §10-222 and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

If the Respondent files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and should be served with the court's process at the following address:

Christine A. Farrelly  
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Notice of any petition should also be sent to Board Counsel at the following address:

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