

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	*	<b>BEFORE THE</b>
<b>JOEL S. JONES, D.O.</b>	*	<b>MARYLAND STATE</b>
<b>RESPONDENT</b>	*	<b>BOARD OF PHYSICIANS</b>
<b>Maryland License Number: H0097054</b>	*	<b>Case Number: 2226-0085</b>
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**ORDER**

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

The Maryland Board of Physicians (the “Maryland Board”) received information that Joel S. Jones, D.O. (the “Respondent”), Maryland License Number H0097054, a physician licensed to practice medicine in Maryland via the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (the “Compact”), was disciplined by the North Carolina Medical Board (the “North Carolina Board”). In a Consent Order (the “Order”), dated October 31, 2025, the North Carolina Board suspended the Respondent’s license for a period of six (6) months and restricted him from serving as the supervising physician for any advanced practice providers (“APPs”) in North Carolina, with other terms and conditions. A copy of the North Carolina Board Order is attached hereto.

Based on the above-mentioned North Carolina Board sanction, the Maryland Board is authorized to discipline the Respondent, pursuant to Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Section 10.

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.

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(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 North Carolina would be grounds for disciplinary action under H.O. §14-404(a)(3)(ii) and is further deemed unprofessional conduct under Health Occ. 14-3A-01, Section 10(a).

### **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 Maryland on or about April 3, 2023, under License Number H0097054.

2. In its Order, the North Carolina Board found that the Respondent’s conduct “constitutes unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, a departure from, or the failure to conform to the standards of acceptable and prevailing medical practice, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6)...” The North Carolina Board also found that the Respondent’s conduct “constitute[d] a violation of 21 NCAC 32M .0110, which requires a primary supervising physician and APPs to develop a [quality improvement] process, have scheduled meetings, and documentation of each meeting.”.

3. Specifically, the North Carolina Board opened an investigation on the Respondent for an alleged lack of physician supervision after the North Carolina Board of Nursing (“NCBON”) notified them about an investigation regarding a nurse practitioner (“Provider A”) being supervised by the Respondent. Provider A was alleged to be prescribing GLP-1s without sufficient information to do so to patients she diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes.

4. The Respondent provided a copy of a Professional Services Agreement (“Agreement”) that had been signed by Provider A, but not by the Respondent. The Respondent “was not aware of where Provider A was employed, nor had he ever met her”. The Respondent was also unable to provide documentation of the quality improvement meetings with Provider A, since these meetings were never held or conducted by the Respondent. At the time of the North Carolina Board investigation, the Respondent supervised twenty (20) APPs in North Carolina, but did not hold quality improvement meetings or document such meetings with any of the practitioners.

5. By Order dated October 31, 2025, the North Carolina Board suspended the Respondent’s license for a period of six (6) months and restricted him from serving as the supervising physician for any advanced practice providers (“APPs”) in North Carolina, with other terms and conditions.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, based on the North Carolina 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).

## SANCTION

Pursuant to Health Occ. §14-3A-01, Interstate Medical Licensure Compact, Section 10(c)(1), the Maryland Board may impose the same or lesser sanction against the physician so long as such sanctions are consistent with the Maryland Medical Practice Act. Panel B will impose a sanction of a suspension for six (6) months and restrict his ability to supervise physician assistants.

## ORDER

It is, thus, by Panel B, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's medical license in the State of Maryland is **SUSPENDED** for **SIX (6) MONTHS**, and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall not serve as a collaborating physician for a physician assistant in Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall comply with the terms and conditions of the October 31, 2025 North Carolina Board Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Final Order shall not be amended or modified and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further

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

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Final Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Final Order, 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 Final Order, the disciplinary panel may reprimand the Respondent, place the Respondent on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend Respondent's license 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 a civil monetary fine on the Respondent; and it is further

**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).

12/18/2025  
Date

***Signature on File***

Christine A. Farrelly / U U  
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:

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

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