

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
NICOLE LYNN CHAVIS	*	STATE BOARD OF
APPLICANT	*	PHYSICIANS
	*	Case Number: 2226-0038

CONSENT ORDER

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Application for Initial Medical Licensure: Respiratory Care Practitioner (the "Application") of Nicole Lynn Chavis, (the "Applicant") to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in Maryland, Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Maryland Board") has grounds to deny the Application under the Maryland Respiratory Care Practitioners Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-101 et seq.

Specifically, Panel B has grounds to deny the Application pursuant to the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. §14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.

(b) Additional powers.

(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of §14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant ... for:

(i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under §14-404, §14-5A-17, §14-5B-14, §14-5C-17, §14-5D-14, §14-5E-16, or §14-5F-18 of this title [.]

Health Occ. §14-5A-17. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.

(a) Subject to the hearing provisions of §14-405 of the subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand

any licensee, place any licensee on probation or suspend or revoke the license if the licensee:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another[.]

Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Initial Allied Health Licensure, the Applicant agreed to enter into this public Consent Order with the Maryland Board, which consists of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. On or about July 10, 2025, the Applicant filed with the Maryland Board an Application to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in Maryland.

2. The Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, to which the Applicant was required to answer "YES" or "NO." The Applicant responded "YES" to the following character and fitness questions:

"8. Have you ever committed an offense involving alcohol or controlled dangerous substances to which you pled guilty or nolo contendere (no contest), regardless of whether adjudication was withheld, or for which you were convicted or received probation before judgment? Such offenses include, but are not limited to, driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled dangerous substances."

3. The Applicant reported a May 2023 charge of driving while impaired ("DWI"), in which she completed a "6-month outpatient alcohol education program, bi-weekly urinalysis testing, and a Victim Impact Panel." She "also had an interlock device installed in [her] vehicle for 6 months."

4. However, the Applicant failed to report a second DWI that occurred in 2020.

5. At the conclusion of the Application, the Applicant certified that she personally reviewed all responses to the items in the Application and that the information she gave was true to the best

of her knowledge, information and belief. She further attested that she understood that providing any false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

6. During its review, the Board received the following information about the Applicant's past legal history:

a) On or about September 27, 2020, the Applicant was pulled over while driving in Baltimore County, Maryland, and charged with a DWI. On or about December 9, 2021, the Applicant pleaded not guilty with an agreed statement of facts and was sentenced to one year of supervised probation before judgment.

7. On or about July 24, 2025, the Board requested an explanation from the Applicant regarding the discrepancies between her Application and information noted on her Criminal History Records Check ("CHRC").

8. On or about July 25, 2025, the Applicant provided a written response regarding the discrepancies and stated that she did not report the 2020 DWI offense as she "believed that a Probation Before Judgment was not considered a conviction and therefore did not require disclosure."

9. By not disclosing the above disciplinary board actions, the Board's investigation determined that the Applicant made a material misrepresentation on her Application.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant was deceptive in failing to report the 2020 driving offense on her application for licensure, in violation of Health Occ. §14-5A-17(1). *See* Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that the Application of Initial Licensure to practice as a respiratory care practitioner in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Applicant is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect on the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Maryland Board or her designee, who signs on behalf of Panel B; and it is further

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

10/21/2025
Date

Signature on file

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

CONSENT

I, Nicole Lynn Chavis, have chosen to proceed without legal counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without legal counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

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 have had a formal evidentiary hearing if the Maryland Board had issued charges concerning this matter, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§10-201 et seq. 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 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, without reservation, and fully understand the language and meaning of its terms.

10/2/25
Date

Signature on file

Nicole Lynn Chavis
Applicant

NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF: Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 2nd day of October, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Nicole Lynn Chavis and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Asish K. Dutta
Notary Public

My Commission expires: July 06, 2026

