

IN THE MATTER OF
STEFANII JOHNSON

Respondent

Unlicensed

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2223-0123A

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CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

Pursuant to the authority granted to Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) § 14-206(e)(1) and (2)(i) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.), Panel A hereby orders **STEFANII JOHNSON** (the “Respondent”), an unlicensed individual, to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from all activities associated with the practice of medicine in the State of Maryland, as defined in Health Occ. § 14-101(o), and from representing to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that she is authorized to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

The pertinent provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.*, under which Panel A issues this Order provide the following:

§ 14-206. Judicial Powers.

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- (e) A disciplinary panel may issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for:
 - (1) Practicing a profession regulated under this title or Title 15 of this article without a license; [and]
 - (2) Representing to the public, by title, description of services, methods, procedures, or otherwise, that the individual is authorized to practice:
 - (i) Medicine in this State, in violation of § 14-602[.]

§ 14-101. Definitions.

- (o) (1) “Practice medicine” means to engage, with or without compensation, in medical:
- (i) Diagnosis;
 - (ii) Healing;
 - (iii) Treatment; or
 - (iv) Surgery.

§ 14-601. License required to practice medicine.

- (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in the State unless licensed by the Board[.]

§ 14-602. Representations to public, practice of medicine.

- (a) Unless authorized to practice medicine under this title, a person may not represent to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that the person is authorized to practice medicine in this State.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

Based on the investigatory information received by, made known to, and available to Panel A, there is reason to believe that the following facts are true:

I. Background

1. The Respondent has never been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. She has never been licensed or certified by any health occupations licensing board in Maryland.

¹ The statements regarding the Board’s investigatory findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of the Board’s action. 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 matter.

2. The Respondent operates a business (the “Respondent’s Business”) located in Owings Mills, Maryland where, among other things, the Respondent provides body contouring services and other related non-surgical cosmetic medical procedures. The Respondent’s Business also has a website (the “Respondent’s Business Website”) and social media page (the “Respondent’s Social Media Page”).

3. The Respondent employs a medical director and a registered nurse (the “R.N.”), amongst others, at her Business.

II. The Complaint

4. On or about May 19, 2023, the Board received a complaint (the “Complaint”) from an individual (the “Complainant”)² alleging, among other things, that the Respondent was an unlicensed individual who had administered “lipo”³ and collagen injections to the Complainant.

III. The Board Investigation

5. The Board initiated an investigation into the Complaint which determined that the Respondent was engaging in the unlicensed practice of medicine and representing to the public through her Business Website and Social Media Page that she was authorized to practice medicine by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise.

6. The Board’s investigation revealed, in part, the following:

The Respondent’s Business Website

7. The Respondent’s Business Website, accessed on or about May 24, 2023,

² For confidentiality reasons, the names of individuals referenced herein, will not be disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain this information from the administrative prosecutor.

³ “Lipo” or injection lipolysis is a nonsurgical procedure that involves administering a series of injections under the skin to break down fat cells in the areas around the injection sites.

contained, in part, the following information and description of services:

a. Body Contouring

Non-surgical body sculpting is a popular and effective method for reducing unwanted fat. This type of body sculpting uses a variety of techniques to remove accumulated fat from specific areas of the body. Non-surgical body sculpting can be done in a number of different ways, including radiofrequency, cryotherapy, and ultrasound.

b. Non Surgical BBLs

There are dseveral [sic] products available to create fullness, smoothness, correct flaws and so much more. [The Respondent's Business] offers Sculptra, Radiesse, PRP and more.

c. Baddie Booty + Hips

Baddie Booty is a treatment that creates a voluptuous shape of the buttocks by administering a premium formula comprised of hyaluronic acid.

d. Liquid Lipo

The fat dissolve/lipo injects [sic] contains deoxycholic acid that will break down cellulite/fatty deposits and emulsify them in order for you to pass them via your lymphatic and urinary systems.

The Respondent's Social Media Page

8. The Respondent's Social Media Page has several videos of the Respondent administering injections to different areas of the body of her clients.

9. On or about May 23, 2023, a video was posted on the Respondent's Social Media Page, where the Respondent discusses correcting the appearance of a particular part of the body. In the video, the Respondent states "If you see a licensed professional that knows what they are doing, they will be able to correct it safely for you." As the

Respondent says this in the video, the words “Which is me!” appear across the screen.

Interview with Respondent

10. On or about April 17, 2024, the Board conducted an interview under oath with the Respondent. During the interview, the Respondent stated that she administered belly injections and liquid lipo to the Complainant. She also admitted to administering lip injections to her clients and identified herself as the person administering injections to her clients in the videos shown to her by Board staff from her Social Media Page.

Medical Consultant Review

11. The Board also referred the case to a Medical Consultant who opined that the Respondent was engaging in the practice of medicine without a license by administering injections and performing other minimally invasive procedures below the skin. The Medical Consultant also noted that the Respondent did not have any plan for emergencies or patient distress other than calling 911.

12. The Medical Consultant’s opinion is based on, in part, the complaint, the Respondent’s written response, the Respondent’s interview, and the Respondent’s Business Website and Social Media Page.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent: practiced medicine without a license in violation of Health Occ. § 14-601 and/or represented to the public by description of services, methods or procedures, or otherwise, that she is licensed by the Board to practice medicine in violation of Health Occ.

§ 14-602. As a result, Panel A is authorized to issue this cease and desist order under Health Occ. § 14-206(e)(1) and/or (2)(i).

ORDER

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

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority under the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Health Occ. § 14-206(e)(1) and (2)(i), the Respondent, Stefani Johnson, shall **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** from the unlicensed practice of medicine and representing to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that she is authorized to practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that this order is **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY** pursuant to Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.11E(1)(b), and it is further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* and Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.11E(1)(a).

08/22/2024
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING

The Respondent may challenge the factual or legal basis of this initial order by filing a written opposition, which may include a request for a hearing, within 30 days of its issuance. The written opposition shall be made to:

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4th Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

A copy shall also be mailed to:

Veronica Colson
Assistant Attorney General
Maryland Office of the Attorney General
Health Occupations Prosecution and Litigation Division
300 West Preston Street, Suite 201
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

If the Respondent files a written opposition and a request for a hearing, the Board shall consider that opposition and provide a hearing if requested. If the Respondent does not file a timely written opposition, the Respondent will lose the right to challenge this Initial Order to Cease and Desist and this Order will remain in effect.