

**IN THE MATTER OF
STEFANII JOHNSON**

**Respondent
Unlicensed**

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

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CONSENT ORDER

On August 27, 2024, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged **STEFANII JOHNSON** (the “Respondent”), Unlicensed, with violating the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

Specifically, Panel A charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the Act under the Health Occupations Article:

§ 14-601. License required to practice medicine.

(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.

On November 6, 2024, Panel A was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a

result of this DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A finds the following:

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.

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 nurse practitioner (the “Nurse Practitioner”) 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”)¹ alleging, among other things, that the Respondent was an unlicensed individual who had administered “lipo”² and collagen injections to the Complainant.

¹ For confidentiality reasons, the names of individuals referenced herein, will not be disclosed in this order.

² “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.

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.

The Respondent's Business Website

6. The Respondent's Business Website, accessed on or about May 24, 2023, 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 BBLs³

There are dseverasl [*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.

³ A non-surgical Brazilian Butt Lift ("BBL") is an outpatient cosmetic procedure intended to change the size, shape, and contour of the buttocks. Common types include dermal fillers and likely require repeat treatments to maintain results.

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

7. As part of its investigation, the Board reviewed the Respondent's Social Media Page which revealed several videos of the Respondent administering injections.

8. 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 makes this statement in the video, the words "Which is me!" appear across the screen.

Interview with Respondent

9. On or about April 17, 2024, the Board conducted an interview under oath with the Respondent. During the interview, the Respondent admitted that she administered belly injections and liquid lipo to the Complainant. She further 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

10. The Board also referred the case to a Medical Consultant who

reviewed pertinent information from the Board's investigation and concluded 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.

Cease and Desist Order

11. On August 22, 2024 the Board issued a Cease and Desist Order ordering the Respondent to 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is guilty of practicing medicine without a license in violation of Health Occ. § 14-601(1) and representing 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(a).

ORDER

It is thus by a majority of a quorum of Disciplinary Panel A of the Board hereby:

ORDERED that the Board's August 22, 2024 Cease and Desist Order shall remain in effect and, as long as the Respondent, **STEFANII JOHNSON**, is unlicensed, she shall continue to Cease and Desist from the unlicensed practice of

medicine and shall continue to Cease and Desist 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; and it is further

ORDERED that within **ONE YEAR** the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **\$30,000**. The Payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to 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 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).

12/02/2024
Date

Signature on file

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

CONSENT

I, Stefanii Johnson, 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 the pending charges. 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 as a resolution of the charges. 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.

11/20/24

Date

Signature on file

Stefanii Johnson.

NOTARY

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 20th day of NOVEMBER, 2024, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Stefani Johnson, and gave oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS, my hand and Notary Seal.



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Notary Public

My Commission Expires 6/18/2027