

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
TIMOTHY MILES	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Unlicensed	*	Case Number: 2221-0113

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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)(2)(i) (2021 Repl. Vol.), Panel A hereby orders **TIMOTHY MILES** (the "Respondent"), an unlicensed individual, to immediately **CEASE AND DESIST** from representing to the public that he 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.**

(e) *Cease and desist orders; injunctions.* – A disciplinary panel may issue a cease and desist order or obtain injunctive relief against an individual for:

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(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 of this title.

**§ 14-602. Misrepresentation as a practitioner of medicine.**

- (a) *In general.* -- 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 FINDINGS<sup>1</sup>**

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 AND COMPLAINT**

1. The Respondent has never been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. He has never been licensed or certified by any health occupations licensing board in Maryland.
2. On April 8, 2021, the Board received a complaint from a health care facility (the "Facility") alleging that the Respondent, who was a patient at the Facility, was misrepresenting that he was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland by selling medical excuse notes using altered Facility letterhead, fabricated medical information and forged physicians' signatures.
3. After receiving the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

#### **II. BOARD INVESTIGATION**

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Board's investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of Panel B'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.

4. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained records from the Facility and interviewed Facility witnesses, including an office manager (the "Office Manager") and the practice manager (the "Practice Manager").

5. Interviews of the Office and Practice Managers revealed that in March of 2021, the Office Manager received a telephone call from a staff member ("Staff A") at a physician's office reporting that the Respondent was selling fraudulent Facility medical excuse notes online through a social networking service. Staff A provided to the Office Manager screen shots and an advertising video of the Respondent offering to sell Facility medical excuse notes for a fee. The Office Manager then reported the incident to the Practice Manager.

6. After receiving screenshots of the medical excuse note and the advertising video, the Practice Manager confirmed with the Facility physician ("Physician A"), whose name appeared on the medical excuse note, that the Respondent was a patient at the Facility. Physician A confirmed that she treated the Respondent as a new patient on March 15, 2021, for pain and provided him with a medical excuse note for that visit.

7. A review of the screenshots and advertising video showed that the Respondent was offering to sell Facility medical excuse notes under the Facility's letterhead and Physician A's signature for \$35.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent, even though he is not licensed by the Board to practice medicine

in Maryland, misrepresented to the public, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise, that he is authorized to practice medicine in this State by offering to sell medical excuse notes online, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-602(a).

**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)(2)(i), the Respondent, Timothy Miles, shall **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** from representing to the public that he 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).

02/28/2022

Date

***Signature On File***

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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:

K. F. Michael Kao  
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.