

**IN THE MATTER OF**

**\* BEFORE THE**

**KASHINA WALKER**

**\* MARYLAND STATE**

**Respondent**

**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**

**Unlicensed**

**\* Case No.: 2220-0283B**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

On May 25, 2021, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged Kashina Walker (the “Respondent”) with violating the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* and the Maryland Physician Assistants Act, Health Occ. §§ 15-101 *et. seq.* Specifically, Panel B charged the Respondent with violating the following provisions of the acts:

**§ 14-601. Practicing without license.**

Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in this State unless licensed by the Board.

**§ 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.
- (b) *Certain representations prohibited.* -- Except as otherwise provided in this article, a person may not use the words or terms “Dr.,” “doctor,” “physician,” “D.O.,” or “M.D.” with the intent to represent that the person practices medicine, unless the person is:
  - (1) Licensed to practice medicine under this title;
  - (2) A physician licensed by and residing in another jurisdiction, while engaging in consultation with a physician licensed in this State;
  - (3) A physician employed by the federal government while performing duties incident to that employment;

- (4) A physician who resides in and is licensed to practice medicine by any state adjoining this State and whose practice extends into this State; or
- (5) An individual in a postgraduate medical program that is accredited by an accrediting organization recognized by the Board in regulations while the individual is practicing medicine in the program.

**§ 15-401. Unauthorized practice.**

- (a) *Prohibited.* -- Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice as a physician assistant in the State unless the person has a license issued by the Board.

**§ 15-402. Unauthorized use of title.**

- (b) *Use of terms "physician assistant," etc.* -- Unless licensed to practice as a physician assistant under this title, a person may not use the words or terms "physician assistant", "licensed physician assistant", or "P.A."

On August 25, 2021, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee on Case Resolution ("DCCR") in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of the DCCR, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Panel B finds:

**I. BACKGROUND AND COMPLAINT**

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. On or about January 23, 2020, the Board received a complaint from a human resources representative (the "Complainant") of a State government agency (the "Agency")

stating that an employee (“Employee A”) of the Agency submitted a possible fraudulent doctor’s note to the Agency clearing him to return to work from a “Dr. Kashina Walker, Pain management specialist” at “Maryland Medical REHAB.” The Complainant stated that she contacted the Respondent, who stated that Employee A was a recurring patient she last saw on December 17, 2019. The Complainant questioned the authenticity of the doctor’s note and filed the complaint with the Board to inquire as to whether the Respondent was a licensed physician in Maryland.

3. After receiving the complaint, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.

## **II. BOARD INVESTIGATION**

4. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained additional information from the Agency that included nine additional doctor’s notes clearing Employee A for returning to work from “Dr. Kashina Walker,” “Kashina Walker, MD” and “Kashina Walker, Physician Assistant” at “Maryland Medical REHAB.” When the Agency requested Employee A to provide additional documents to show that the Respondent saw him on the dates specified in the doctor’s notes, he refused.

5. While searching the internet for information regarding the Respondent, Board staff discovered the Respondent’s LinkedIn page in which she represented herself as “Physician Assistant/pain management - Sports Med.” Under the heading of “Experience”, the Respondent listed “Resident - University of Maryland Aug 2008 - Present 12 years 5 months Baltimore, Maryland Area” and “Johns Hopkins University School of Education Master of Science (MSc) - Medicine.” The Respondent further listed “Loyola University Maryland.”

6. The Board subpoenaed the University of Maryland, Johns Hopkins University and Loyola University Maryland for documents relating to the Respondent. The University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University each responded that they had no record of the Respondent having ever enrolled in their schools. Loyola University Maryland responded with a document showing that the Respondent took two early childhood education courses there.

7. On December 9, 2020, Board staff conducted a telephone interview of the Respondent. During the interview, the Respondent admitted that she had a LinkedIn page “some time ago” but refused to provide any additional information, including her address.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced, attempted to practice, or offered to practice medicine without a license, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-601; used the terms “Dr.” and “M.D.” intending to represent that she practiced medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-602(b); practiced, attempted to practice, or offered to practice as a physician assistant without a license, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-401(a); and represented or implied to the public by use of the title “licensed physician assistant,” by other title, or by description of services, methods, or procedures that she was licensed to practice as a physician assistant, in violation of Health Occ. § 15-402(b).

#### **ORDER**

It is thus, by Disciplinary Panel B of the Board, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent Kashina Walker shall cease and desist: from the practice of medicine, from practicing as a physician assistant, from representing to the

public that she is authorized to practice medicine, and from representing to the public that she is authorized to practice as a physician assistant; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, within **SIX (6) MONTHS**, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)**. 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 the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, if the Respondent allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition imposed by this Consent 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 Consent Order, the disciplinary panel may impose a civil monetary fine on the Respondent

in an amount authorized under Health Occ. § 14-606(a)(4)(ii) or Health Occ. § 15-403(b). This provision does not preclude the State from taking and other action authorized by law; 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) (2014 & 2020 Supp.).

11/01/2021  
Date

## *Signature on File*

Christine A. Farrelly  
Executive Director  
Maryland Board of Physicians

### CONSENT

I, Kashina Walker, assert that I am aware of my right to consult with, and be represented by, legal counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from the charges currently pending. I have chosen to proceed without legal counsel, and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without 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 a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-405, Health Occ. § 15-313, 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, 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.

## *Signature on File*

10/6/21  
Date

Kashina Walker

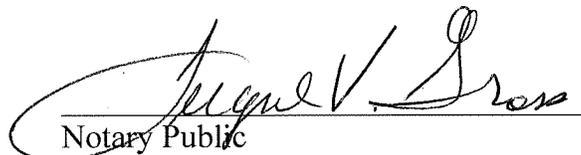
### NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY / COUNTY OF Baltimore City

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Kashina Walker and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 02/06/2022