

IN THE MATTER OF
MICKEY O. MILLS, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D61073

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2218-0082B

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**

Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of Mickey O. Mills, M.D., (the "Respondent"), license number D61073, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Disciplinary Panel B takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't II ("State Gov't") § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7)(a) concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel B and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel B and the Office of the Attorney General, including the instances described below, Panel B has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent has been licensed to practice medicine in Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. 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.

medicine in Maryland on November 20, 2003. Her license is scheduled to expire on September 30, 2018.

2. The Respondent is board-certified in Family Medicine.
3. In or around August 2012, the Respondent began employment at an urgent care medical practice ("Practice A") in Crofton, Maryland.
4. On or about October 27, 2017, Practice A's Human Resources Manager submitted to the Board a Mandated 10-Day Report regarding the Respondent.
5. Specifically, the Report stated that on or about October 25, 2017, Practice A suspended the Respondent.
6. The Report stated that the Respondent had been observed behaving erratically and unprofessionally while seeing patients.² Specifically, the Respondent was observed to have fallen asleep during patient visits.
7. After these observations were brought to her attention, the Respondent entered into an in-patient program, to which she had been referred by the Maryland Physicians Health Program (MPHP). However, Practice A was then notified that the Respondent checked herself out before completing the program.
8. Based on the Report, the Board initiated an investigation.

² To maintain confidentiality, specific instances of behavior may not be referenced in this document. The Respondent has been notified by Practice A of its concerns. The Respondent may obtain from the Administrative Prosecutor documents related to these instances.

9. In furtherance of the investigation, the Board's investigator contacted relevant witnesses and obtained documents, including records from Practice A, MPHP, and programs. The investigation revealed the following:
 10. After being referred to an in-patient center ("Center A") by MPHP, the Respondent checked herself out prior to completing the program.
 11. The Respondent was subsequently readmitted, but was then discharged for noncompliance with the center's rules and for possession of unapproved controlled dangerous substances.
 12. The Respondent then entered into the in-patient program at a different in-patient center ("Center B"), which subsequently referred her to a more intensive program ("Center C").
 13. The Respondent submitted a written response to the Complaint, in which she stated that in the days leading up to her suspension from Practice A, she had taken "some old prescribed valium for several nights to try to sleep."
 14. The Respondent's personnel file from Practice A also documents several related instances of unprofessional conduct and treatment errors consistent with impairment, including entering the wrong dosage on prescriptions and ordering tests but then forgetting that she had ordered them.
 15. The file also contains documented admissions from the Respondent stating she is attempting to wean herself off opioids.

16. On or about November 21, 2017, the Board received an updated Mandated 10-Day Report from Practice A informing the Board that, effective November 15, 2017, the Respondent had resigned.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing investigative findings, Panel B concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), and Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7)(a).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and conclusions of law, it is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested by State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation Summary Suspension Hearing in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08 B(7), C & E has been scheduled for **Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 11:15 a.m.** before Panel B at the Maryland State Board of Physicians, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and be it further

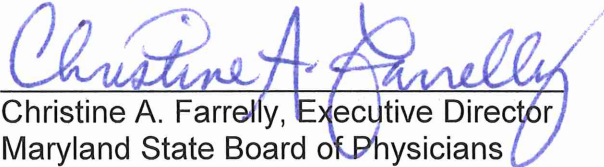
ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation Summary Suspension Hearing held before Panel B, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request within ten (10) calendar days an evidentiary

hearing, such hearing to be held within thirty (30) calendar days of the request, before an Administrative Law Judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, Administrative Law Building, 11101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031-1301; and be it further

ORDERED that a copy of this Order of Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II § 14-407 (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2017 Supp.); and be it further

ORDERED that this is a Final Order of the Board and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

12/15/2017
Date


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