

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
THURMAN WATSON	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
Unlicensed	*	Case Number: 2015-0852

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FINAL ORDER

On November 20, 2015, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) issued a Cease and Desist Order to Thurman Watson with investigative findings and conclusion of law. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-206(e). The Board found that Mr. Watson had engaged in the practice of medicine without a license and represented to the public that he was authorized to practice medicine in this state when he was not authorized to do so. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-601, 14-602.

Mr. Watson challenged the factual and legal basis of the Cease and Desist Order by filing an Opposition to the Cease and Desist Order on December 18, 2015. *See* COMAR 10.32.02.11E(3)(a). Mr. Watson did not challenge the cease and desist order itself, stating in his opposition: “Mr. Watson agrees to cease and desist permanently any and all acts as defined in Title 14 §101, *et seq.*, Health Occupations Article.” Mr. Watson also had the opportunity to request a hearing, but did not do so. *Id.*

The Board considered Mr. Watson’s written opposition to the Cease and Desist letter on February 10, 2016. In addition to Mr. Watson's opposition, the Board has again considered the investigative findings in this case. Mr. Watson's opposition, when considered in light of those investigative findings, is unpersuasive. The Board continues to believe that Mr. Watson’s conduct was consistent with the unauthorized practice of medicine and misrepresentation as a

practitioner of medicine, and that his actions pose a serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of the public. The Board, therefore, affirms the Cease and Desist Order dated November 20, 2015.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board affirms and adopts in full the Investigative Findings from the November 20, 2015 Cease and Desist Order. The Cease and Desist Order's Investigative Findings (pages 2-11 and ¶¶ 1-56) are incorporated by reference into the body of this document as if set forth in full. *See* attached Cease and Desist Order, Exhibit 1. The Board rejects the opposition filed by Mr. Watson.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The Board affirms the Cease and Desist Order's Conclusion of Law that there is a preponderance of evidence that Mr. Watson's actions pose a serious risk to the health, safety and welfare of the public based on his unauthorized practice of medicine and misrepresentation as a practitioner of medicine.

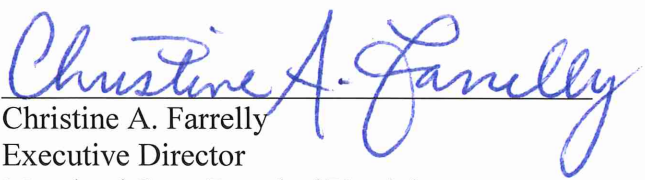
ORDER

Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by an affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum of the Maryland State Board of Physicians, hereby

ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority vested by the Maryland medical Practice Act, Health Occ. § 14-206(e), Mr. Watson shall **CEASE AND DESIST** from providing any and all services that constitute the practice of medicine; and is further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101-4-601 (2014).

03/02/2016
Date


Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to COMAR 10.32.02.11E(3)(e), Mr. Watson has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within 30 days from the date of mailing of this Final Order. The cover letter accompanying this final order indicates the date the decision is mailed. Any petition for judicial review shall be made as provided for in the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-222 and Title 7, Chapter 200 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

If Mr. Watson files a petition for judicial review, the Board is a party and should be served with the court's process at the following address:

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Notice of any petition should also be sent to the Board's counsel at the following address:

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