

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**RYAN C. STOUT, PA-C**  
**Applicant**

**\* BEFORE THE**  
**\* MARYLAND STATE**  
**\* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS**  
**\* Case Number: 2225-0207A**

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO DENY**  
**APPLICATION FOR INITIAL PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT LICENSURE**  
**UNDER THE MARYLAND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ACT**

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby notifies **RYAN C. STOUT, PA-C** (the “Applicant”) of its intent to deny his *Physician Assistant Application for Licensure*, filed on April 3, 2025, under the Maryland Physician Assistants Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) §§ 15-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

**Health Occ. § 15-311. Denial of License.**

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15-315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of a quorum, may deny a license to any applicant for:

- (1) Any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under § 15-314 of this subtitle;

**Health Occ. § 15-314. Reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation**

- (a) Grounds. -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 15-315 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum, may reprimand any physician assistant, place any physician assistant on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the physician assistant:

- (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another;
  - ....
- (3) Is guilty of:
  - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
    - ....
- (11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine;
  - ....
- (24) Was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee:
  - (ii) Allowed the license issued by the state or country to expire or lapse;
    - ....
- (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine[.]

#### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACT<sup>1</sup>**

Disciplinary Panel A bases its action on the following facts that it has reason to believe are true:

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<sup>1</sup> The allegations set forth in this Notice are intended to provide the Applicant with reasonable notice of the asserted facts. 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 Applicant in connection with this Notice.

## **I. The Application**

1. At all times relevant, the Applicant is not and has never been licensed as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland.

2. On or about April 3, 2025, the Board received the Applicant's *Physician Assistant Application for Licensure*, filed on April 3, 2025 (the "Application").

3. In the Application, the Applicant reported having an inactive license to practice as a physician assistant in the State of North Carolina under License Number 0010-03926.

4. In the Application under "Character and Fitness," the Applicant answered "NO" to the following questions:

A. Question #3: Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, ever filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason?

B. Question #11: Has your employment or contractual relationship with any hospital, HMO, other health care facility, health care provider, or institution, armed services or the Veterans Administration ever been terminated for disciplinary reasons?

C. Question #13: Have you ever surrendered your license or allowed it to lapse while you were under investigation by any licensing or disciplinary board of any jurisdiction, any entity of the armed services or the Veterans Administration?

## **II. Board Investigation**

### **A. North Carolina Medical Board Investigation/Proceedings**

5. In or around August 2021, the North Carolina Medical Board (“NCMB”) conducted an investigation which found that the Applicant, while working as a physician assistant, was terminated by his employer after testing positive for cocaine on a drug screen. The NCMB investigation further found that the Applicant failed to comply with an NCMB order issued on November 4, 2021, requiring the Applicant to undergo a comprehensive examination.

6. On or about March 23, 2023, the NCMB issued a “Notice of Charges and Allegations; Notice of Hearing” (the “NC Charges”) against the Applicant and scheduled a hearing for October 19, 2023.

7. In the NC Charges, the NCMB charged the Applicant with being unable to practice with reasonable skills and safety by reason of illness, drunkenness, excessive use of alcohol, drugs, chemical, or any other type of material or by reason of any physical or mental abnormality; and failing to comply with a NCMB order.

8. On or about August 24, 2023, the Applicant’s North Carolina physician assistant license was inactivated for failure to register.

9. On or about September 19, 2023, the NCMB issued an Order of Dismissal Without Prejudice dismissing the NC Charges based on the inactivation of the Applicant’s license.

**B. False Statements and Omissions to the Maryland Board**

10. In response to Character and Fitness Question #3 in the Application, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that in or around August 2021 the NCMB investigated him and later issued disciplinary

charges against him on March 23, 2023, for testing positive for cocaine while working as a physician assistant and for failing to comply with NCMB order requiring him to undergo a comprehensive examination.

11. In response to Character and Fitness Question #11, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that he was terminated in his position as a physician assistant by his employer on August 6, 2021, after testing positive for cocaine.

12. In response to Character and Fitness Question #13, the Applicant willfully made a false statement and misrepresentation when he failed to disclose that he allowed his North Carolina physician assistant's license to be inactivated or lapsed on August 24, 2023, while he was under investigation by the NCMB and pending licensing disciplinary charges.

### **GROUND FOR DENIAL**

Under Health Occ. § 15-311(1), a Board disciplinary panel may deny a license to any applicant for any of the reasons that are grounds for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 15-314. The Applicant's actions, as described above, constitute, in whole or in part, grounds for a Board disciplinary panel to deny the Applicant's Application under the following provisions of Health Occ. § 15-314(a): (1) Fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another; (3)(ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine; (11) Willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine; (24)(ii) Was subject to investigation or disciplinary action by a licensing or disciplinary authority or by a court of any state or

country for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section and the licensee allowed the license issued by the state or country to expire or lapse; and (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine.

### **NOTICE OF AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING**

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.), Disciplinary Panel A of the Board hereby notifies the Applicant of his opportunity for a hearing before a Disciplinary Panel of the Board makes a final decision in this case. The Applicant must request a hearing **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** of service of this notice. The request for a hearing must be made in writing to:

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director  
Maryland State Board of Physicians  
4201 Patterson Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095  
Phone: (410) 764-4777  
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If a written request is made within thirty (30) days of service of this notice, a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution ("DCCR") will be scheduled before Disciplinary Panel A of the Board. If the case cannot be resolved by consent, a prehearing conference and a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge will be scheduled.

If the Panel does not receive a written request for a hearing within **thirty (30) days** of service of this notice, the Panel will sign the attached Final Order, denying the Applicant's Application for a license to practice medicine in Maryland.

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January 13, 2026

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