

IN THE MATTER OF

BAHARAK BAGHERI, M.D.

Applicant

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2225-0091 B

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**FINAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF APPLICATION FOR INITIAL MEDICAL
LICENSURE UNDER THE MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT**

On April 21, 2025, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) notified **BAHARAK BAGHERI, M.D.** (the “Applicant”) of its intent to deny her Application for Initial Medical Licensure (the “Notice”). The Notice informed the Applicant that unless she requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of the date of receipt of the Notice, Panel B intended to sign this Final Order, which was enclosed. More than 30 days has elapsed, and the Applicant failed to request a hearing. Therefore, the denial of the Applicant’s Application for Initial Medical Licensure is final.

The basis for Panel B’s action was pursuant to the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2023 Supp.). The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

Health Occ. § 14-307 Qualification of Applicants

....

(b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

Health Occ. § 14-205 Additional Powers and Duties of Board

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- (b)(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act [State Government §§ 10-101 *et seq.*] and the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this title, a disciplinary panel may deny a license to an applicant . . . for:
- (i) Any of the reasons that are grounds for action under § 14-404 . . . of this title[.]

Health Occ. § 14-404 License, denial, suspension or revocation

- (a) *In general.* -- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 14-405 of this subtitle, a disciplinary panel, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the disciplinary panel, may reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the licensee:
- (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;
....
- (21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section;
....
- (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine; [and]
....

- (44) Fails to meet the qualifications for licensure under Subtitle 3 of this title[.]

The underlying ground for disciplinary action under Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(21) is § 14-404(a)(3)(ii): Is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

1. At all times relevant, the Applicant is not and has never been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.
2. The Applicant is board certified in diagnostic radiology and licensed to practice medicine in Arizona, Georgia, Hawaii, North Carolina, and South Carolina.
3. On or about September 16, 2024, the Board received the Applicant's Application for Initial Medical Licensure (the "Application").
4. The Application contained a series of character and fitness questions, which the Applicant was required to answer "YES" or "NO." The Applicant responded "NO" to the following questions:
 - a. "Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services, or the Veterans Administration, ever taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation or revocation.
 - b. 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?

5. At the conclusion of the Application, the Applicant certified that she personally reviewed all responses to the items in the Application and that the information she gave was true to the best of her knowledge, information and belief. She further attested that she understood that providing any false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

6. As part of the application process, the Board conducted an investigation and learned that the Applicant had a disciplinary history in other states.

7. Specifically:

- a. On October 23, 2019, the Applicant entered into a disciplinary consent agreement with the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (the "Consent Agreement with the Maine Board"), wherein the Applicant received a warning for engaging in unprofessional conduct for misreading an abdominal computed tomography (CT) scan, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and transvaginal ultrasound and failing to diagnose ovarian cancer in a patient.
- b. On February 17, 2021, based upon the Consent Agreement with the Maine Board, the Medical Board of California issued a decision and order reprimanding the Applicant.
- c. On May 8, 2021, based upon the Consent Agreement with the Maine Board, the Applicant entered into a Stipulation and Order with the Minnesota Board of Medical Practice (the "Minnesota Board"), wherein the Applicant was reprimanded.

8. The Board's investigation determined that the Applicant made material misrepresentations on her Application when she failed to disclose the above disciplinary board actions.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant's conduct, as described above, is evidence that the Applicant: lacks good moral character, in violation of the Act under Health Occ. § 14-307(b), and constitutes violations of Health Occ. § 14-404(a): (1) fraudulently or deceptively obtains or attempts to obtain a license for the applicant or licensee or for another; (3)(ii) is guilty of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine; (11) willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of medicine; (21) is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veterans' Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section; (36) willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine; and (44) fails to meet the qualifications for licensure under Subtitle 3 of this title, which are grounds to deny the Application pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by an affirmative vote of the majority of a quorum of Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that Baharak Bagheri, M.D.'s Application for Initial Medical Licensure is **DENIED**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Final Order is a public document. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

Signature on file

05/27/2025
Date

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

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO PETITION FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-408(a), Baharak Bagheri, M.D. has the right to seek judicial review of this Final Decision and Order. Any petition for judicial review shall be filed within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Final Decision and Order. The cover letter accompanying this Final Decision and 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 Baharak Bagheri, M.D. 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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