

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
GEORGE GATEWOOD, III, P.A. \* STATE BOARD OF  
Respondent \* PHYSICIANS  
License Number: C02123 \* Case Number: 7724-0082 A

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

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license to practice medicine of **GEORGE GATEWOOD, III, P.A.** (the “Respondent”), License Number C02123, in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.) and Md. Code Regs. (“COMAR”) 10.32.02.08B(7), concluding that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on information received by, and made known to Panel A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of Panel A’s action. 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.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. Panel A is summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice as a physician assistant after a Board investigation revealed that he has a health condition that affects his ability to practice medicine safely.

## **BACKGROUND/LICENSING INFORMATION**

2. At all relevant times, the Respondent was licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally issued a license to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland on February 11, 1999, under License Number C02123. The Respondent's license expires on June 30, 2025, subject to renewal.

## **THE DISPOSITION AGREEMENT**

3. On or about May 1, 2024, the Respondent and the Board entered into a non-public Disposition Agreement. The Respondent and the Board entered into the Disposition Agreement after it "came to the Board's attention that the Respondent has been diagnosed with a health condition that may impact the Respondent's ability to practice medicine safely. The health condition indicated to Panel A that the Respondent and the public would benefit from the Respondent entering into a Disposition Agreement."

4. The Disposition Agreement that the Respondent voluntarily entered into required him in part to "enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program" ("MPRP") and "fully and timely cooperate with all MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements."

### **BOARD INVESTIGATION**

5. After entering into the Disposition Agreement, the Board received information from MPRP on November 12, 2024, that the Respondent was not in compliance with all of its rules, referrals, and requirements, including but not limited to the terms and conditions of his Participant Rehabilitation Plan and Agreement.

6. On or about December 11, 2024, the Board received information from MPRP that the Respondent signed a practice cessation agreement based in part on his non-compliance with his Participant Rehabilitation Plan and Agreement.

7. On or about March 25, 2025, the Board received additional information that the Respondent was non-compliant with his Participant Rehabilitation Plan and Agreement. It also was reported that since being enrolled in MPRP, the Respondent failed to appear for multiple scheduled appointments. MPRP also informed the Board that Respondent was diagnosed with a medical condition that negatively impacts his ability to safely practice medicine.<sup>2</sup> The Respondent admitted to the Board in an April 8, 2025 email that he has not complied with all of the terms and conditions of his MPRP Participant Rehabilitation Plan and Agreement.

### **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires

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<sup>2</sup> For confidentiality reasons, the specific information in the Respondent's medical records and evaluations will not be disclosed in this document. This information will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request. The Panel reviewed this information prior to the issuance of this Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine.

emergency action, and that pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license is summarily suspended.

**ORDER**

**IT IS** thus, by Panel A of the Board, hereby:

**ORDERED** that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2)(2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215-0095; and it is further

**ORDERED** that after the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing before Panel A, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may request, within ten (10) days, an evidentiary hearing, such hearing to be set within thirty (30) 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 it is further

**ORDERED** that a copy of the Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel A immediately in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2022 Repl. Vol. and 2023 Supp.); and it is further

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

04/29/2025  
Date

***Signature on file***

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