

IN THE MATTER OF
DANIEL D. METZ, P.A.

Respondent

License Number: C05820

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2225-0171 B

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE TO PRACTICE AS A PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**

Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **DANIEL D. METZ, P.A.** (the “Respondent”), License Number C05820, to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland.

Panel B takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol. & 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 B, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel B, including the instances described below, Panel B has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding Panel B’s investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable 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.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland. The Respondent initially was licensed to practice as a physician assistant in Maryland on July 8, 2015, under License Number C05820. The Respondent's license expires on June 30, 2025, subject to renewal.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a physician assistant at a health care facility (the "Facility") located in Baltimore, Maryland.

3. On or about March 17, 2025, the Board opened an investigation of the Respondent after receiving a Mandated 10-Day Report from the Facility stating that on February 26, 2025, it summarily suspended the Respondent's Facility privileges after finding the Respondent sleeping in the dictation room and based on reasonable suspicion that the Respondent was under the influence of alcohol while working at the Facility. The Respondent also had a positive blood alcohol test that same day. The Respondent was terminated from the Facility on March 12, 2025.

II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

4. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained medical and administrative records from the Facility and other health care facilities with which the Respondent was employed or associated. Board staff also conducted an under-oath interview of the Respondent.

5. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about the morning of February 26, 2025, the Respondent appeared at the Facility at approximately 8:00 a.m. for work. Shortly thereafter, Facility staff found the Respondent asleep on a desk in the dictation

room. At approximately 10:00 a.m., Facility staff referred the Respondent to the Facility's occupational health services and directed him to report there immediately. The Respondent, however, did not appear at occupational health services until approximately 3:00 p.m.

6. When occupational health staff asked the Respondent where he had been since being referred at 10:00 a.m., the Respondent stated that he had been sleeping in his vehicle. During his evaluation by occupational health staff, the Respondent acknowledged that he had drank alcohol that day and acknowledged a significant history of alcohol abuse. The Respondent stated that after a long period of sobriety, he began drinking alcohol again in November 2024 due to work-related stress and pressure.

7. The Respondent agreed to undergo an alcohol blood test at occupational health services, the results of which indicated he was under the influence with an elevated blood alcohol content.

8. On or about May 9, 2025, the Respondent was interviewed by Board staff under oath during which he admitted to drinking alcohol after midnight and appearing at the Facility on February 26, 2025 for work.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to 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)(a), the Respondent's license is summarily suspended.

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel B by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7)(a), the Respondent's license to practice 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 as a physician assistant in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 9:45 a.m.** before Panel B at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that at the conclusion of the post-deprivation hearing before Panel B, 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 this Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed with the Board in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol. and 2024 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Disciplinary Panel B, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**. See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b)(6).

6/3/2025
Date

Signature on file

Ellen Douglas Smith
Deputy Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians