IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

**INKYUNG JI, PA-C** 

\* MARYLAND STATE

Respondent

BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: C0008907

**Case Number: 2225-0085B** 

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# **CONSENT ORDER**

In or around August 2024, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") initiated an investigation of **INKYUNG JI, PA-C** (the "Respondent"), License Number C0008907, after discovering that she was practicing as a physician assistant in Maryland under the supervision of a physician (the "Physician")<sup>1</sup> without a Board-approved delegation agreement. At the conclusion of its investigation, Panel B determined that it has grounds to charge the Respondent with failing to comply with provisions of the Maryland Physician Assistants Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 15-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

The pertinent provision of the Act is as follows:

Health Occ. § 15-314. Denials, probations, suspensions, revocations.

(a) 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:

. . . .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> To ensure confidentiality, the names of individuals, hospitals and healthcare facilities involved in this case are not disclosed in this document.

(45) Fails to comply with any State or federal law pertaining to the practice as a physician assistant[.]

The underlying violations with respect to Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(45) include:

# Health Occ. § 15-302. Delegation Agreements.

- (a) A physician may delegate medical acts to a physician assistant only after:
  - (1) A delegation agreement has been executed and filed with the Board[.]

# **COMAR 10.32.03.05 Delegation Agreements – Contents.**

- A. Before a physician may delegate medical acts and before a physician assistant may perform medical acts, the physician assistant and primary supervising physician shall file with the Board:
  - (1) A delegation agreement on the Board-approved form; and
  - (2) The required fee as specified in Regulation .16 of this chapter.

Prior to the issuance of disciplinary charges, the Respondent agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Panel B finds the following facts:

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is 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 June 5, 2023, under License Number C0008907. The Respondent's license expires on September 30, 2025, subject to renewal.

- 2. At all times relevant, practiced as a physician assistant under the supervision of the Physician at a health care facility (the "Facility") located in Owings Mills, Maryland.
- 3. On or about July 24, 2024, the Board received a *Delegation Agreement Addendum for Advanced Duties* (the "Addendum") from the Respondent. In the Addendum, the Respondent sought Board approval to perform certain advanced duties at the Facility.
- 4. On review, Board staff discovered that the Respondent and the Physician never had a Board-approved Delegation Agreement for Core Duties, which is a prerequisite for the Respondent to practice as a physician assistant at the Facility.
- 5. Based on the information above, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent.
- 6. The Board's investigation revealed that the Respondent was hired to work at the Facility on February 13, 2024. After some training, the Respondent began treating patients on April 10, 2024, under the Physician's supervision. However, at the time the Respondent began treating patients under the Physician's supervision, they did not have a Delegation Agreement for Core Duties filed and approved by the Board.
- 7. After discovering the oversight, the Respondent and the Physician filed a Delegation Agreement for Core Duties with the Board on August 28, 2024, which the Board approved on September 9, 2024.
- 8. In a letter the Board received on September 27, 2024, the Respondent admitted to practicing as a physician assistant at the Facility without a Board-approved

Delegation Agreement for Core Duties. The Respondent stated, "I take my responsibilities seriously, and understand the importance of adhering to regulatory standards for patient safety and professional integrity."

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent performed medical acts under the supervision of the Physician from April to August 2024 without a delegation agreement having been executed and filed with the Board, which constitutes a violation of Health Occ. § 15-314(a)(45), § 15-302(a)(1) and COMAR 10.32.03.05A(1) and (2).

#### ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of Panel B, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent be and hereby is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, within 6 months from the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500). The payment shall be by bank certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to pay the fine; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive

Director or her designee signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

01/27/2025 Date Signature On File

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

# **CONSENT**

I, Inkyung Ji, PA-C, acknowledge that that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from charges. I have chosen to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the Board will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I am aware of the right to a hearing before the Board pursuant to COMAR 10.32.22.06 concerning any disciplinary charges that could have been issued against me. I waive this right and elect to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those substantive and procedural protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in this Consent Order as a resolution of the pending disciplinary matters. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law set out in this Consent Order. I waive all right to appeal this Consent Order.

I sign this Consent Order without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language and meaning of its terms.

Date

Signature On File
Inkyung Ji, PA-C
The Respondent

**NOTARY** 

CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 21 day of 1974 of 1925 before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Inkyung Ji, PA-C and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

JANKI R PATEL

Notary Public Howard County Maryland

My Commission Expires Feb 16 2028

Notary Public

My commission expires: 02/16/2028