

IN THE MATTER OF

ARIA C. ATTIA, M.D.

Applicant

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BEFORE THE

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MARYLAND STATE

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BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

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Case Number: 2225-0087B

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**CONSENT ORDER**

On January 21, 2025, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) notified **ARIA C. ATTIA, M.D.** (the “Applicant”) of its intent to deny his *Application for Initial Medical Licensure*, filed on August 13, 2024, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2024 Supp.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act provide:

**Health Occ. § 14-205. Miscellaneous powers and duties.**

(b) *Additional powers.*

(3) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act 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, as applicable[.]

**Health Occ. § 14-307. Qualifications of applicants.**

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

**Health Occ. § 14-404. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations – Grounds.**

- (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:

....

- (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; [or]

....

- (36) Willfully makes a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine[.]

On March 26, 2025, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on negotiations occurring as a result of the DCCR, the Applicant agreed to enter into this Consent Order, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

Disciplinary Panel B finds:

#### **I. The Application**

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 has active licenses to practice medicine in Delaware, New Jersey, and Georgia.

3. On or about August 13, 2024, the Board received an *Application for Initial Medical Licensure* (the “Application”), dated August 13, 2024, from the Applicant.

4. In the Application under Part 4, which is entitled “Postgraduate Training,” the Applicant answered “No” to the following question:

- C. During your years of postgraduate training, was any action taken against you by any training program, hospital, medical board, licensing authority, or court? Such actions include but are not limited to investigations, limitations of privileges or special conditions, requirements imposed for academic incompetence, disciplinary actions, probationary actions, etc.

## **II. Board Investigation**

5. During the credentialing process, the Board had information to believe that the Applicant was placed on academic probation during the third year of his residency at a residency program (the “Residency Program”).

6. As part of its investigation, the Board obtained the Applicant’s residency file from the Residency Program. The Applicant’s residency file from the Residency Program revealed that the Applicant transferred to the Residency Program as a post-graduate third-year resident on July 1, 2023.

7. The residency file further revealed that on or about November 27, 2023, the Residency Program placed the Applicant on academic probation with remediation for a three-month period. The Applicant appealed the Residency Program placing him on academic probation but was unsuccessful. Before the end of the three-month probationary period, the Applicant resigned from the Residency Program effective February 12, 2024.

8. The reasons the Residency Program placed the Applicant on academic probation included but were not limited to: being substantially behind peers in operative skills; being unreliable in obtaining, retaining, and communicating critical portions of a history and exam; having preparedness and learning deficiencies; and having communication deficiencies.

9. The Applicant willfully failed to disclose in his Application that the Residency Program placed him on academic probation with remediation for three months on November 27, 2023.

10. In his written response, dated October 4, 2024, the Applicant stated, “[w]ith regard to Postgraduate Training question (c), I thought probation here was referring to reprimand for professionalism or behavior issues, of which I had none. I was placed on probation for being behind my peers in terms of operative skills at the same level of training.”

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Panel finds that the Applicant’s willful failure to disclose that on November 27, 2023, the Residency Program placed him on academic probation with remediation for three months, constitutes willfully making a false representation when seeking or making application for licensure or any other application related to the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(36), which is grounds for denial of his Application under Health Occ. § 14-205(b)(3)(i).

The Panel does not find that the Applicant lacks good moral character, under Health Occ. § 14-307(b). The remaining charged disciplinary grounds (being guilty of

unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii); and willfully making or filing a false report or record in the practice of medicine, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(11)) are dismissed.

### **ORDER**

It is thus by Disciplinary Panel B of the Board, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the licensure application of **ARIA C. ATTIA, M.D.** to practice medicine, dated August 13, 2024, is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Applicant is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** this Consent 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***

4/24/2025  
Date

Ellen Douglas Smith  
Deputy Director  
Maryland State Board of Physicians

### **CONSENT**

I, Aria C. Attia, M.D., Applicant, assert 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 the Notice of Intent to Deny currently pending. 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 disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 et seq. concerning the pending Notice of Intent to Deny. I waive this right and have elected 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 procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel 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 the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

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

4/19/2025  
Date

***Signature on file***

Arfa C. Attia, M.D.,  
Applicant

**NOTARY**

STATE OF Pennsylvania

CITY/COUNTY OF Wyncote, Montgomery County

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19 day of April 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, personally appeared Aria C. Attia, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

Kelly A. Dalton  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: August 20, 2028

