

IN THE MATTER OF
PETER NWOKE, M.D.

Respondent
Unlicensed

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2224-0058 B

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CONSENT ORDER

On October 17, 2024, Disciplinary Panel B (“Panel B” or the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) charged **PETER NWOKE, M.D.** (the “Respondent”), unlicensed, under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

The statutory provisions upon which the charges were based are as follows:

§ 14-101. Definitions.

(o)(1) “Practice medicine” means to engage, with or without compensation, in medical:

- (i) Diagnosis;
- (ii) Healing;
- (iii) Treatment; or
- (iv) Surgery.

(2) “Practice medicine” includes doing, undertaking, professing to do, and attempting any of the following:

- (i) Diagnosing, healing, treating, preventing, prescribing for, or removing any physical, mental, or emotional ailment or supposed ailment of an individual:
 - 1. By physical, mental, emotional, or other process that is exercised or invoked by the practitioner, the patient, or both; or
 - 2. By appliance, test, drug, operation, or treatment[.]

§ 14-601. Practicing without license.

Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice medicine in this State unless licensed by the Board.

On February 26, 2025, Panel B was convened as a Disciplinary Committee for Case Resolution (“DCCR”) in this matter. Based on the negotiations occurring as a result of this DCCR, 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 makes the following factual findings:

I. Licensing/Background Information

1. The Respondent has never been licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.
2. The Respondent has never been licensed or certified by any health occupations licensing board in Maryland.
3. The Respondent is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Michigan.
4. The Respondent is not board certified.
5. At all relevant times, the Respondent practiced as a general practitioner at a health care practice (the “Practice”)¹ in Detroit, Michigan, where the Respondent provided in-person and telehealth services.

II. Prior Disciplinary History

¹ For confidentiality and privacy reasons, the names of health care facilities and individuals referenced herein, are not disclosed in this document.

6. The Respondent has two prior disciplinary actions from the State of Michigan.

7. In 2012, the Respondent was convicted of three felony counts of Medicaid Fraud-False Claim and was sentenced to pay costs, an assessment, and \$9,866.52 in restitution. As a result of these criminal convictions, the State of Michigan Board of Medicine (the “Michigan Board”) found that the Respondent violated multiple provisions of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, as amended; MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* and sanctioned the Respondent with a reprimand and a \$5,000 fine.

8. In 2017, the Michigan Board investigated the Respondent’s prescribing practices and found “a violation of a general duty, consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care.” The Michigan Board suspended the Respondent’s license for one year, imposed a \$12,500 fine, and required that the Respondent undergo a professional competency evaluation before reinstatement of his medical license.

III. The Complaint

9. On or about August 31, 2022, the Board received information (the “Complaint”) from a member of the Baltimore County Police Department. The Complaint alleged that the Respondent was prescribing to Maryland patients via telemedicine since June 2022.

10. The Board conducted an investigation into the Complaint and made determinations as detailed below.

IV. The Board Investigation

11. The Board investigation revealed that the Respondent, while unlicensed to practice medicine in Maryland, diagnosed, treated and prescribed medications to eleven Maryland residents.

12. The Board subpoenaed and received the Respondent's prescribing records which stated that from June 22, 2022, through September 1, 2022, the Respondent prescribed medications to eleven Maryland residents (the "Maryland Patients").

13. The Board subpoenaed and received the Respondent's medical records for the Maryland Patients which stated that the Respondent diagnosed, treated, and prescribed medications to the Maryland Patients from June 20, 2022, until August 25, 2022.

14. On or about April 17, 2024, the Board conducted an under-oath interview with the Respondent where he stated, among other things, that the medical appointments with the Maryland Patients were conducted via telemedicine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the Findings of Fact, Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent practiced medicine in Maryland without a license issued by the Board, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-601.

ORDER

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

ORDERED that the Board's October 11, 2024 Cease and Desist Order shall remain in effect and, while the Respondent, **Peter Nwoke, M.D.**, is unlicensed in the State of Maryland, Dr. Nwoke shall Cease and Desist from the unlicensed practice of medicine in

Maryland and shall Cease and Desist from representing to the public by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise that he is authorized to practice medicine in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent fails to comply with the October 11, 2024, Cease and Desist Order, Panel B may impose a fine as provided in COMAR 10.32.02.09C, *see* COMAR 10.32.02.11E(4) (these regulations that are in effect at the time the Consent Order goes into effect apply);

ORDERED that, within **ONE YEAR** from the date this Consent Order goes into effect, the Respondent shall pay a civil fine of **\$11,000**. The payment shall be by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians and mailed to P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297, and it is further

ORDERED that, if the Respondent fails to pay the **\$11,000** civil fine to the Board within one year, the fine will be increased by **\$10,000**, thus, if the civil fine is not paid to the Board within one year, the total civil fine will be **\$21,000**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order goes into effect on 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 Panel B; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order shall not be amended or modified, and future requests for modification will not be considered; and it is further

ORDERED that 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).

03/26/2025
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Peter Nwoke, M.D., 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 have resulted from the 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 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 charges. 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.

Signature On File

03/18/2025
Date

Peter Nwoke, M.D.
Respondent

NOTARY

STATE OF Michigan

CITY/COUNTY OF Wayne

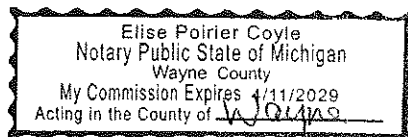
I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 18th day of March 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County, **Peter Nwoke, M.D.** personally appeared and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSTH my hand and notarial seal.

Elise Poirier Coyle
Notary Public

My commission expires: 04-11-29

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