

January 31, 2025

Ashley E. Wheeler, MD

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Via Email: [REDACTED]

Re: License Number: DR-0049810
Case Number: 2022-1567-B

Dear Dr. Wheeler,

The Colorado Medical Board has concluded its inquiry into the aforementioned matter. It was the Panel's decision not to commence with formal proceedings against your professional license. However, the Panel did determine disciplinary action in the form of this letter of admonition is warranted.

As you know, on three occasions in 2021, you prescribed non-controlled medications outside the scope of your psychiatry practice to an individual with whom you had a personal relationship. All three prescriptions were written outside the context of a physician-patient relationship, and no medical record was maintained. For one of the prescriptions, you went to a local pharmacy and initially ordered a 90-day supply of Zofran, then changed the order to a 10-day supply of Zofran, which, according to pharmacy records, was then dispensed.

After consideration of the information in this case, the Panel finds that you committed unprofessional conduct, in violation of section 12-240-121(1)(j) of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Specifically, although your relationship with the individual seems to have involved a personal concern, you prescribed medication to the individual when you did not have a bona fide physician-patient relationship with him, and you also failed to prepare and maintain any written record of treatment. The Board finds that your conduct did not meet generally accepted standards of medical practice, but recognizes that on your own initiative you completed the PROBE: Ethics and Boundaries Program conducted by the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians during the pendency of this matter.

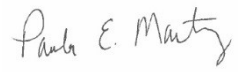
By this letter, the Board takes the formal disciplinary action of admonishing you for the conduct specified above and warns you that repetition of such practice may lead to imposition of more severe disciplinary action. This letter is an open public record and a reportable action to individuals or entities requesting disciplinary information. The Board strongly encourages you to review and understand the Medical Practice Act, and the rules and policies of the Colorado Medical Board relating to the practice of medicine in Colorado.

In accordance with section 12-20-404(4)(b), C.R.S., the Board advises you that you have the right to make a written request that the Board initiate formal disciplinary proceedings in order to adjudicate the conduct or acts upon which this letter is based. Pursuant to agreement with the Panel, you have agreed to waive the right provided by section 12-20-404(4)(b), C.R.S., to contest this letter of admonition.

A Letter of Admonition, when accepted, becomes a permanent, public portion of your record. It is not, however, a restriction on your practice as a professional physician.

Sincerely,

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY FROM INQUIRY PANEL B

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula E. Martinez".

Paula E. Martinez
Program Director

cc: Sierra R. Ward, Esq.