

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND
 SADIQ AL-SAMARRAI, M.D. * STATE BOARD OF
 Respondent * PHYSICIANS
 License Number: D69977 * Case Number: 2225-0021 A

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
 TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**

Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license to practice medicine of **SADIQ AL-SAMARRAI, M.D.** (the “Respondent”), License Number D69977, in the State of Maryland.

Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-226(c)(2)(2022 Repl. Vol. and 2023 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 A, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to Panel A, including the instances described below, Panel A has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the basis of Panel A’s action. 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.

INTRODUCTION

1. Panel A is summarily suspending the Respondent's license to practice medicine after a Board investigation revealed that he has a health condition that affects his ability to practice medicine safely.

BACKGROUND/LICENSING INFORMATION

2. At all relevant times, the Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally issued a license to practice medicine in Maryland on November 10, 2009, under License Number D69977. The Respondent's license expires on September 30, 2024, subject to renewal.

3. The Respondent is board-certified in Psychiatry.

4. At all relevant times, the Respondent practiced at a hospital² (the "Hospital") in Maryland.

THE COMPLAINT

5. On or about July 10, 2024, the Board received an anonymous complaint (the "Complaint") about an alleged health condition of the Respondent "which is putting both staff and patients in dangerous situations." The anonymous complainant also described in detail several specific instances of concern involving the Respondent.

² For confidentiality reasons, the names of health care facilities referenced herein, will not be disclosed in this document. The Respondent may obtain this information from the Administrative Prosecutor.

BOARD INVESTIGATION

6. Upon receipt of the Complaint, the Board initiated an investigation. As part of its investigation, the Board subpoenaed and obtained the Respondent's personnel files from the Hospital, and subpoenaed and obtained medical records of the Respondent, including the results of three evaluations. The Board also interviewed three staff members of the Hospital, and received a written statement from the Respondent. The Board also referred the Respondent to a Board-approved program (the "Program") for an independent evaluation to determine his present fitness to practice medicine safely.

7. The investigation determined that the Respondent suffered a workplace injury in June 2023.

8. After the injury, Hospital staff observed several concerning behaviors exhibited by the Respondent that placed Hospital staff and patients at risk.

9. On July 24, 2024, the Respondent was evaluated by a specialist. During the evaluation, the specialist noted a potential health condition and referred the Respondent for additional testing.

10. On July 31, 2024, the Respondent was referred for an additional evaluation by a specialist. Based on the evaluation, the physician concluded that the Respondent "is currently unable to perform the essential job duties of his position as a psychiatrist at this time[.]"

11. On or about August 20, 2024, the Respondent was referred to another specialist for an evaluation. Based on the evaluation, the specialist concluded the Respondent “is not found fit to continue in his position as psychiatrist [at the Hospital].”³

12. On September 6, 2024, a specialist retained by the Program conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Respondent to determine his present fitness to practice medicine safely. The specialist issued a report that concluded the Respondent “is not currently competent to practice psychiatric medicine.”

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, Panel A of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and that pursuant to State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent’s license is summarily suspended.

ORDER

IT IS thus, by Panel A of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by State Govt. § 10-226(c)(2)(2022 Repl. Vol. and 2023 Supp.) and COMAR 10.32.02.08B(7), the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

³ For confidentiality reasons, the specific information in the Respondent’s medical records and evaluations will not be disclosed in this document. This information will be disclosed to the Respondent upon request. The Panel reviewed this information prior to the issuance of this Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Medicine.

ORDERED that, during the course of the summary suspension, the Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that in accordance with Md. Code Regs. 10.32.02.08B(7) and E, a post-deprivation hearing on the summary suspension will be held on **Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.** at the Board's offices, located at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland, 21215-0095; and it is further

ORDERED that after the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** hearing before Panel A, 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 the Order for Summary Suspension shall be filed by Panel A immediately in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2022 Repl. Vol. and 2023 Supp.); and it is further

ORDERED that this is a disciplinary Order of Panel A, and as such, is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

09/30/2024
Date

Signature On File

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