IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

IKECHI CHINEDU NNAWUCHI, M.D. \* STATE BOARD OF

Applicant \* PHYSICIANS

License Number: Applicant \* Case Number: 2225-0071B

#### **CONSENT ORDER**

### PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

Based on information received regarding the Application for Initial Medical Licensure of Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D. (the "Applicant"), Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Maryland Board") has grounds to deny the application under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§14-101 *et seq.* Prior to the issuance of a Notice of Intent to Deny Application for Initial Medical Licensure, the Applicant agrees to enter into this public Consent Order, which consists of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and Consent.

The Maryland Board received information that the Applicant and the District of Columbia Board of Medicine (the "DC Board") entered into a public disciplinary consent order dated January 10, 2013.

Based on the above-referenced DC Board Order, the Maryland Board has grounds to charge the Applicant with violating the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), under H. O. § 14-404(a):

(a) Subject to the Administrative Procedure Act and the hearing provisions of §14-405 of this title, 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:

(21) Is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority or convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country or disciplined by any branch of the United States uniformed services or the Veteran's Administration for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section,

Disciplinary Panel B ("Panel B") has determined that the acts for which the Applicant was disciplined in DC would be grounds for disciplinary action under H. O. § 14-404(a) are as follows:

- (3) Is guilty of:
  - (ii) Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;
- (43) Except for the licensure process described under Subtitle 3A of this title, violates any provision of this title, any rule or regulation adopted by the Maryland Board, or any State or federal law pertaining to the practice of medicine;

Based on the action taken by the DC Board, prior to the issuance of charges, the Applicant has agreed to enter into this Consent Order with Panel B, consisting of Procedural Background, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order and Consent.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel B makes the following findings of fact:

- 1. On or about July 3, 2024, the Maryland Board received the Applicant's Application for Initial Medical Licensure, wherein he answered "yes" to the following character and fitness question:
  - (2). Has a state licensing or disciplinary board (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services, or the Veterans Administration, ever taken action against your license? Such actions include, but are not limited to, limitations of practice, required education admonishment or reprimand, suspension, probation, or revocation.

- 2. Based on the Applicant's affirmative response in this Application, the Maryland Board initiated an investigation of the Applicant.
- 3. On July 27, 2010, the DC Board received a complaint citing concerns about the Applicant's failure to observe appropriate doctor/patient boundaries, level of professionalism, tardiness to and cancellation of appointments, and medical ethics. As a result, the DC Board voted to issue an administrative consent order in lieu of formally charging.
- 4. On June 6, 2011, the DC Board executed a Consent Order in which the Applicant agreed to complete twenty-four credit hours of Continuing Medical Education (CME) within six months and to submit proof of completion within seven months. The Applicant submitted proof of his completion to the DC Board four months late.
- 5. In a Consent Order dated January 10, 2013, the Applicant was fined five hundred dollars for failing to submit proof of his CME completion in a timely manner.

A copy of the January 10, 2013, DC Board Consent Order is attached hereto.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant was disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority for an act that would be grounds for disciplinary action in Maryland, in violation of H.O. §14-404(a)(21).

#### <u>ORDER</u>

It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Application for Initial Medical Licensure of Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D. is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D. is REPRIMANDED; 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).

10/17/2024 Date

# Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Physicians

#### CONSENT

I, Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D., acknowledge that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order. 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. 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.

10/11/2024 Date

## Signature On File

Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D. Applicant

**NOTARY** 

STATE OF Wash DC.

CITY/COUNTY OF Wash

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day of ofber, 2024, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally Ikechi Chinedu Nnawuchi, M.D., and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

Notary Public

My Commission expires: 62/14/200

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