

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: William J. Mack, MD

Master Case No.: M2024-613

Document: Summary Action Order

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STATE OF WASHINGTON WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

WILLIAM J. MACK, MD License No. MD.MD.60972485 Master Case No. M2024-613

EX PARTE ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Respondent.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Angela Kennedy, Health Law Judge.

This matter came before the Presiding Officer on delegation from and authorized by the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) on August 6, 2024, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion). The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Presiding Officer, after reviewing the Statement of Charges and the Ex Parte Motion with its supporting declaration and exhibit(s), GRANTS the Ex Parte Motion. Respondent's license is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1.1 Respondent is a physician and surgeon licensed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.
- 1.2 The Commission issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(5). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.
- 1.3 On or about January 8, 2024, the Kansas Board of Healing Arts (Kansas Board) issued a Final Order (Kansas Order) suspending Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon in that jurisdiction.

- 1.4 The Kansas Order found Respondent failed to comply with an order by the Kansas Board to undergo a full fitness to practice evaluation.
- 1.5 The Ex Parte Motion was accompanied by a sworn declaration from the health care investigator assigned to the case, Christine Babb, and a certified copy of the Kansas Order.
 - 1.6 The basis for the Kansas Order is substantially similar to RCW 18.130.180(9).

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 2.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.
- 2.2 The Commission has delegated summary action authority to the presiding officer in cases falling under RCW 18.130.370.
 - 2.3 RCW 18.130.180 defines unprofessional conduct as including:
 - (5) Suspension, revocation, or restriction of the individual's license to practice any health care profession by competent authority in any state, federal, or foreign jurisdiction, a certified copy of the order, stipulation, or agreement being conclusive evidence of the revocation, suspension, or restriction.

RCW 18.130.370 states:

Any individual who applies for a license or temporary practice permit or holds a license or temporary practice permit and is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040 is prohibited from practicing a health care profession in this state until proceedings of the appropriate disciplining authority have been completed under RCW 18.130.050

RCW 18.130.050(8) provides, in relevant part:

Consistent with RCW <u>18.130.370</u>, a disciplining authority shall issue a summary suspension of the license or temporary practice permit of a license holder prohibited from practicing a health care profession in another state,

federal, or foreign jurisdiction because of an act of unprofessional conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct prohibited by this chapter or any of the chapters specified in RCW 18.130.040. The summary suspension remains in effect until proceedings by the Washington disciplining authority have been completed.

2.4 Under the Kansas Order, Respondent is prohibited from practicing as a physician in the state of Kansas. The basis for the action is substantially similar to RCW 18.130.180(9), which permits the Commission to discipline a physician who failed to comply with an order issued by the disciplining authority.

2.5 Summary suspension pending further proceedings is mandatory in cases where a respondent is prohibited from practicing in another state or foreign jurisdiction because of conduct that is substantially equivalent to an act of unprofessional conduct under Washington statute or regulation. A lesser restrictive alternative is not available. The Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary, and legislatively mandated to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

III. ORDER

3.1 Based on the Findings of Fact and the Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Commission. Respondent shall immediately deliver all licenses, (including wall, display, and/or wallet, if any), to the Commission.

3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. RCW 34.05.446(1) and WAC 246-11-400(1) and (2). The parties are expressly prohibited from using or disclosing the protected health information obtained pursuant to this action for any purpose other than this action. Protected health information

includes any information that identifies a patient or client, or that can be readily associated

with a person's health information, including but not limited to the following: a person's

name, a person's date of birth, a person's spouse's name, a person's address, a person's

social security number, a person's phone number, and a person's email address. Further,

in the event a party wishes to use protected health information in any affidavits, briefs,

memoranda of law, exhibits, or other papers filed in this action, such party shall take

appropriate steps to safeguard such protected health information in any documents filed,

including redaction. To the extent that redaction may be unduly burdensome or would

cause confusion to the trier of fact, the party intending to offer or file the protected health

information shall seek modification of this Protective Order.

DATED: August 6th, 2024

Presiding Officer

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