



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Daniel D. Varnell, MD
Master Case No.: M2024-1010
Document: Ex Parte Order of Summary Suspension

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON.
WASHINGTON MEDICAL COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the License to Practice
as a Physician and Surgeon:

DANIEL D. VARNELL, MD
License No. MD.MD.00046806

Respondent.

Master Case No. M2024-1010

**EX PARTE ORDER OF
SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jessica L. Blye, Review Judge

COMMISSION PANEL: Ed Lopez, PA-C, Chair
Sarah Lyle, MD
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Claire Trescott, MD

This matter came before the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) on April 9, 2025, on an Ex Parte Motion for Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the Office of the Attorney General (Department). The Department issued a Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.170(1). After reviewing the Statement of Charges, Ex Parte Motion, and supporting evidence, the Commission grants the motion. Respondent's license to practice as a physician and surgeon is **SUSPENDED** pending further action.

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 is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety due to a mental or physical condition pursuant to RCW 18.130.170(1). The Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.

1.3 As set forth in the allegations in the Statement of Charges, as well as the Motion, Respondent was referred to the Washington Physicians Health Program (WPHP) by his health provider due to concerns about Respondent's physical and mental health. Respondent has since ceased cooperating with WPHP's recommendations. WPHP believes Respondent is currently impaired by an untreated and unmonitored health condition and is unable to endorse Respondent's ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. Respondent has continued to look for work in Washington despite WPHP's lack of endorsement. He has also appeared to be under the influence of substances at his workplace.

1.4 The above allegations, supported by the Declaration of Health Care Investigator in Support of Motion for Summary Action together with the attached exhibits, justify the determination of immediate danger in this case and a decision to immediately suspend the credential until a hearing on the matter is held.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

2.1 The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent's credential to practice as a physician and surgeon. RCW 18.130.040.

2.2 The Commission has authority to take emergency adjudicative action to address an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. RCW 34.05.422(4); RCW 34.05.479; RCW 18.130.050(8); and WAC 246-11-300.

2.3 The Findings of Fact establish the existence of an immediate danger to the public health and safety if Respondent has an unrestricted credential. The Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary and adequately addresses the danger to the public health and safety.

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 SUMMARILY 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 this 11 day of April, 2025



ED LOPEZ, PA-C
Panel Chair

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