

IN THE MATTER OF

FARHAAD R. RIYAZ, MD

Respondent

License Number: D90145

* BEFORE THE

* MARYLAND STATE

* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS

* Case Number: 2222-0132

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ORDER FOR SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE

Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") hereby **SUSPENDS** the license of **FARHAAD R. RIYAZ, MD** (the "Respondent"), License Number D90145, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. Panel A takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 §§ 10(d), 24(c) and Interstate Medical Licensure Compact Rule 6.5g.

On August 11, 2020, the Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in Maryland, under License Number D90145 through the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact ("IMLC"). Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 § 5. The Respondent's license is current through September 30, 2023.

On April 22, 2022, the Board received a notice from the IMLC that disciplinary action had been taken by the Colorado Medical Board, the Arizona Medical Board and the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission against the Respondent's medical licenses. On February 23, 2022, the Colorado Medical Board issued an Order titled Order of Summary Suspension Pursuant to §24-4-104(4), CRS. The Respondent subsequently

entered into a Non-Disciplinary Interim Cessation of Practice Agreement, dated March 22, 2022.

By letter dated March 3, 2022, the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission administratively suspended the Respondent's license based on the suspension of his Colorado medical license.

In lieu of summary suspension, the Respondent entered into an Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Restriction with the Arizona Medical Board on March 11, 2022.

Under the compact, Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 § 10(d), "if a license granted to a physician by a member board is . . . suspended, then any license(s) issued to the physician by any other member board(s) shall be suspended, automatically and immediately without further action necessary by the other member board(s), for ninety (90) days on entry of the order by the disciplining board, to permit the member board(s) to investigate the basis for the action under the Medical Practice Act of that state."

Under the compact, Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 § 24(c), "all rules . . . promulgated by the Commission, are binding on the member states." IMLC Rule 6.5g states that "[u]pon receipt of notice from the Interstate Commission of an action taken by a non-state of principal license, the other member Boards shall suspend the Compact physician for 90 calendar days on entry of the order of the disciplining Board to permit the member Board to investigate under the Medical Practice Act of that state." And, under IMLC Rule 6.5h, "After an investigation has been completed, but within 90 calendar days of the suspension, one of the following may occur: (1) a state of principal license may terminate the suspension of the license; (2) a non-state of principal license may terminate the

suspension if the state of principal license has already terminated the suspension; (3) any member Board may impose reciprocal discipline or pursue reciprocal discipline pursuant to Rule 6.5(b) or (c); or (4) any member Board may continue the suspension until the member Board that initially took the action has taken a final action.”

Based upon the foregoing, Panel A concludes that the Board is required to automatically administratively suspend the Respondent’s license for a period of 90 days.

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the quorum of Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in Panel A by Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-3A-01 §§ 10(d), 24(c) and IMLC Rule 6.5g, the Respondent’s license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is **SUSPENDED FOR NINETY DAYS**; and it is further

ORDERED that Panel A will revisit the automatic suspension upon completion of the Board’s investigation; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Suspension of License to Practice Medicine is filed in accordance with Health Occ. § 14-407 (2021 Repl. Vol.); and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Suspension is the date the Order of Suspension is signed by the Executive Director of the Board. The Executive Director signs the Consent Order on behalf of Disciplinary Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of Disciplinary Panel A, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT.** See Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Provisions § 4-333(b)(6).

05/03/2022
Date

Signature on File

Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians