

Howard Lewis, D.C.
License No. S01081

Dr. Ella Pantazis, President
Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 301
Baltimore, MD 21215

Re: Surrender of License to Practice Chiropractic
License No. S01081
Case No. 25-44C

Dear Dr. Pantazis and Members of the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners:

Please be advised that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“HO”) § 3-312, I have decided to **PERMANENTLY SURRENDER** my license to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland, License No. S01081, effective on acceptance of this letter by the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”). I understand that upon surrender of my license, I may not practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland as defined in the Maryland Chiropractic Act, HO § 3-101 *et seq.*, and other applicable laws. In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual in the State of Maryland. I understand that this Letter of Surrender is a **FINAL ORDER** of the Board and shall become a **PUBLIC** document. Accordingly, this document may be released or published by the Board as a final decision and order of the Board under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.*

The decision to surrender my license stems from a Consent Order that I agreed to and signed on or about January 9, 2025, and executed by the Board on January 21, 2025. That Consent Order suspended my license to practice chiropractic pending completion of a “complete neurological, psychological, and physical examination” by a Board-approved evaluator. On May 16, 2025, I presented to Johns Hopkins Hospital for the completion of a neuropsychological evaluation. The evaluation concluded that I am not safe to practice chiropractic at this time.

Additionally, on April 2, 2025, I contacted the Board to inquire about the dates specified in the January 21, 2025, Board Order. During the conversation with the Board’s investigator, I stated that I had “a patient waiting on me.” In a follow-up call on April 3, 2025, I was advised to contact my attorney if I had further questions regarding the January 21, 2025, Board Order. I again disclosed to the Board’s investigator that I was continuing to see patients.

Thus, I acknowledge that the Board has sufficient evidence to impose further discipline on my license, including but not limited to the revocation of my license. I understand that, if the Board were to proceed with disciplinary action and an evidentiary hearing were held, the State could prove by a preponderance of the evidence that I violated the Maryland Chiropractic Act.

Specifically, I acknowledge that the Board has sufficient evidence to make findings of fact and conclusions of law that I violated HO §§ 3-313(27) ("Is physically or mentally impaired to the extent that it impairs the...licensee's ability to practice chiropractic safely") and (30) ("Fails to comply with any Board order").

For the purposes of this licensing action, I have decided to permanently surrender my license, as I intend to retire from the practice of chiropractic and to avoid the time, effort, and cost of defending myself against these allegations. In executing this agreement to permanently surrender my license to practice chiropractic to the Board, I agree that I will not apply for reinstatement following the Board's acceptance of this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I further agree that, if I were to submit a petition for reinstatement, the Board would not consider it.

I acknowledge that upon the acceptance and execution of this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I shall surrender to the Board any indicia of a Maryland license that is in my possession, including my Maryland license to practice chiropractic, number S01081, and any wall certificate. I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioner Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender pursuant to the Data Bank's regulations. I also understand that in the event I should apply for licensure in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, this Letter of Surrender and all underlying documents may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-333.

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Permanent Letter of Surrender. I understand that, by executing this Permanent Letter of Surrender, I am waiving the right, now and in the future, to any evidentiary hearing at which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Permanent Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I fully understand the nature and effect of both the Board's actions and this Permanent Letter of Surrender. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have had the opportunity to discuss this matter with legal counsel, and I willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily sign this Permanent Letter of Surrender.

Sincerely yours,

6-24-25
Date


Howard Lewis

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Maryland

City/County of Baltimore

I HEREBY CERIFY THAT on this 24th day of June 2025,

before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and the

City/County of Baltimore aforesaid, personally appeared

before me Howard Lewis and made oath in due

form of law that signing the foregoing Letter of Agreement was his/her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notary Seal

Charlene Faison

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 2-2-2029

ACCEPTANCE

On this 10TH day of JULY, 2025, I, Sharon J. Oliver, on behalf of the Maryland Board of Chiropractic Examiners, accept Howard Lewis's PUBLIC PERMANENT SURRENDER of his license to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland.

Sharon Oliver

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners