IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

TITILAYO A. AKINYOYENU, P.D.

STATE BOARD

License No. 14917

° OF

Respondent

\* PHARMACY

\* Case No. : 15-094

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# ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Gov't (SG) Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II), the State Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice pharmacy in Maryland issued to **TITILAYO A. AKINYOYENU**, (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Pharmacy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. §§ 12-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. II.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

#### **INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

- At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed on August 19, 1998. The Respondent's license expired on April 30, 2015.
- 2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent owned and was the primary operator of a pharmacy in Washington, D.C.
- 3. On March 30, 2015, the Respondent was indicted in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on federal criminal charges regarding his operation of an internet pharmacy website where pharmaceutical orders were illegally shipped to more than 38,000 customers from his pharmacy. Between June 2008 and June 2010, sales

income from online transactions totaled at least \$8.3 million. The indictment alleges that the Respondent dispensed more than 58,000 pharmaceuticals for customers who ordered drugs over the internet solely on the basis of their answers to an on-line medical questionnaire. The prescriptions are invalid and illegal because no valid doctor/patient relationship existed.

4. A pharmacist has a corresponding responsibility to fill drugs based on valid medical purposes.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare Imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. II).

#### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this <u>23 rd</u> day of <u>Juve</u>, 2015, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Pharmacy, by authority granted to the Board by SG. §10-226 (c) (2), the license held by the Respondent to practice as a pharmacist in Maryland, License No. 14917 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED that, upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to

whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice as a pharmacist and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board his wall certificate and wallet-sized license to practice as a pharmacist issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is, therefore, a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. Code Ann. General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol.).

LaVerne G. Naesea, Executive Director

**Board of Pharmacy** 

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.