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Maryland Board of Pharmacy

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January 22, 2024

**BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
ARTICLE # 7019 2280 0000 6567 2520**

Complete Wellness Pharmacy
5732 Buckeystown Pike
Frederick, MD 21704
Attn: Omar Siddiqui, Owner

RE: Permit No. P08243
Case No. 24-017
Findings of Deficiencies and Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty
By Consent

Dear Mr. Siddiqui:

On March 28, 2023, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of Complete Wellness Pharmacy (the "Pharmacy") to determine if the Pharmacy was in compliance with State laws and regulations. The Board's inspection indicated that the Pharmacy was not compliant with laws relating to pharmacy technician registration. Specifically, the Board's inspection and subsequent documents indicated that a pharmacy technician with a registration that expired on March 31, 2021, (Staff Person A) had performed delegated pharmacy acts.

The Board and the Pharmacy participated in a case resolution conference resulting in an agreement to resolve the findings of deficiencies as set forth herein.

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The Board finds that the Pharmacy permitted a pharmacy technician with a registration that expired on March 31, 2021, (Staff Person A) to perform delegated pharmacy acts. The Pharmacy has since updated its software system to prohibit data entry access by Staff Person A, and solely utilizes Staff Person A to deliver dispensed prescription medications to patients.

Based upon the findings above, the Board concludes that the Pharmacy is in violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act and the regulations adopted thereunder. Specifically, the Board finds the Pharmacy in violation of Health Occ. Art., §§ 12-403(c)(1) and 12-6B-01, and COMAR 10.34.34.

II. CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY

Under Maryland Health Occupations Article § 12-410 and COMAR 10.34.11, the Board of Pharmacy has the authority to impose a civil monetary penalty based upon violations of the Maryland Pharmacy Act.

Based upon the deficiencies reported at the Pharmacy, the Board hereby imposes a **civil monetary penalty of \$500.00**. The deficiencies upon which the civil monetary penalty is based are set forth in this Notice and the inspection report dated March 28, 2023.

In determining the recommended civil monetary penalty, the Board took into consideration the aggregating and mitigating factors outlined in COMAR 10.34.11.08.

III. FOLLOW-UP ACTION REQUIRED

Please be advised that the Board of Pharmacy may perform a follow-up inspection of the Pharmacy to ensure that the deficiencies noted herein have been addressed and corrected. Should the follow-up inspection indicate that the Pharmacy has further deficiencies, the Board may pursue further disciplinary action against the Pharmacy that may result in the imposition of sanctions such as suspension, revocation or additional monetary penalties.

IV. PAYMENT OF MONETARY PENALTY

The Pharmacy has agreed to pay the above civil monetary penalty within thirty (30) days of the date of this Finding, in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

Please mail the check or money order to:

Wells Fargo Bank
Attn: State of MD - Board of Pharmacy
Lockbox 2051
401 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

NOTE: Please include the case number, 24-017, on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case.

Upon the Pharmacy's payment of the civil monetary penalty, this Finding will constitute the Board's final action with respect to this matter and shall be a final order and public document under the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions Art. § 4-101 *et seq.*, and posted and reported in accordance with State and federal laws.

If you have any questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter, please contact Trina Leak, Pharm.D., at 443-635-8318.

Sincerely,



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director

cc: Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel