IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ABDULMOJEED LAWAL \* STATE BOARD

PHARMACIST \* OF PHARMACY

License No. 09734 \* Case No.: 25-069

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# **CONSENT ORDER**

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 31, 2024, the license Abdulmojeed Lawal, Pharmacist, License No. 09734, held with the Maryland Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") to practice pharmacy in Maryland expired because he did not complete requirements for renewal. Mr. Lawal's license was not reinstated until he completed requirements, on October 17, 2024. The Board received information showing that Mr. Lawal practiced pharmacy without an active license in the interim.

In lieu of instituting formal proceedings against Mr. Lawal license, in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 12-101 *et seq.*, and Board regulations, COMAR 10.34.01, the Board proposed, and Mr. Lawal agreed, to resolve this matter as set forth in this Consent Order.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Lawal was originally licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland under License No. 09734 on or about March 17, 1982. His license expired on March 31, 2024, and was reinstated on October 17, 2024. His license is currently set to expire on March 31, 2026.

- 2. At all times relevant hereto, Mr. Lawal owned and managed a pharmacy in Maryland.
- 3. On January 17, 2024, Mr. Lawal entered into a Consent Order with the Board in Case No.20-263. As part of his probation, Mr. Lawal agreed that the Board would receive reports on him from the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP). Mr. Lawal also agreed to "practice in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Maryland."
- 4. On or about March 28, 2024, the Board received Mr. Lawal's application for renewal of his pharmacist license. Mr. Lawal's application was incomplete, as he had not completed his implicit bias training program required pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 1-225. Mr. Lawal's license subsequently expired on March 31, 2024.
- 5. On or about July 8, 2024, the Board received Mr. Lawal's application for reinstatement of his pharmacist license. According to his application, Mr. Lawal still had yet to complete an implicit bias training program. On July 10, 2024, the Board emailed Mr. Lawal, asking him to submit proof of completion of an implicit bias training program; he did not respond with such proof, so his reinstatement application was not processed.
- 6. In order to monitor Mr. Lawal's compliance with his probation in Case No. 20-263, the Board subpoenaed the PDMP for Pharmacist Audit Logs for Mr. Lawal. The audit logs showed Mr. Lawal had accessed the system as recently as July 25, 2024, while his license was expired.
- 7. On October 9, 2024, the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (the "DEA") performed an inspection at Mr. Lawal's pharmacy. The DEA subsequently

informed the Board that during the inspection, it observed Mr. Lawal filling prescriptions; Mr. Lawal also informed the DEA that he was the pharmacy's full-time pharmacist. At the time of the DEA's inspection, Mr. Lawal's pharmacist license was still expired.

8. Shortly after the DEA's inspection, Mr. Lawal once again applied for reinstatement of his pharmacist license. This time, Mr. Lawal had completed an implicit bias training program, so his license was reinstated on October 17, 2024.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Mr. Lawal is subject to discipline for practicing as a pharmacist without a license pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-301, 12-701, and 12-707(e)(1), and COMAR 10.34.11.09A.

# **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, by a unanimous decision of a quorum of the Board, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that Mr. Lawal shall pay a monetary fine in the amount of \$7,000, payable within six (6) months of the effective date of the Consent Order, payable by certified check or money order to The Maryland State Board of Pharmacy and sent to:

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

Please reference Case Number 25-069 – Abdulmojeed Lawal on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that Mr. Lawal shall practice in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Maryland; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that Mr. Lawal shall be responsible for all costs associated with this Consent Order; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-333(b).

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Kristopher Rusinko, Pharm.D.

President

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# **CONSENT**

- 1. By signing this Consent, I hereby affirm the findings of fact contained herein and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.
- 2. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter.
- 3. I acknowledge that this Consent Order is a formal order of the Board and, as such, is a public document.
- 4. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
- I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
- I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, aware of my right to consult with counsel.
   I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

15/25 Date

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of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared ABDULMOJEED LAWAL and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.

Notary Public
My commission expires:\_