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Maryland Board of Pharmacy

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March 14, 2023

Hye Kim c/o Rite Aid Pharmacy #3751

Re: Notice of Intent to Petition for Injunctive Relief and/or

Pursue Civil Fine

Dear Ms. Kim:

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of your pharmacy employer in Cambridge, Maryland (the "Pharmacy") on November 18, 2022. At that time, the inspector noted that you were performing certain delegated pharmacy acts in the prescription area without a technician registration issued by the Board. The Pharmacy was requested to provide documentation evidencing that you were enrolled in a Board-approved training program for no more than six months, or other authorization that provides exemption to the Board's registration requirement; however, no such information was received by the Board.

The Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occ. §12-101 et seq., requires that a pharmacy technician performing delegated pharmacy acts must be registered with the Maryland Board, in an exempt trainee status with a Board-approved technician training program for no more than six (6) months, or licensed in another capacity that authorizes the individual to perform delegated pharmacy acts. Health Occ. §12-6B-01. Without a pharmacy technician registration, exempt status as a technician-in-training in a Board-approved training program, or other authorization, unlicensed pharmacy personnel are limited to functioning in non-clinical capacities such as a cashier, billing clerk, driver, etc. See COMAR 10.34.21.

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Please be advised that working as a pharmacy technician without a proper authorization may subject the individual to formal proceedings that may result in a civil fine of not more than \$50,000 to be assessed by the Board. Health Occ. §12-707(e).

This letter advises you of the Board's intent to enforce the pharmacy technician registration provisions of the Maryland Pharmacy Act; specifically, to the extent that you are currently working as a pharmacy technician and performing delegated pharmacy acts in the practice of pharmacy in Maryland without a registration, enrollment in a Board-approved training program, or other authorization under law. If the Board receives evidence of your violation of Maryland's licensing laws, the Board may seek to impose a civil fine, or file a petition for injunctive relief in court in accordance with Health Occ. § 12-319.

In the event that you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Donna Goldberg, R.Ph., J.D., at the Board during normal business hours at 410/764-3768.

Sincerely,

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director

Linda Bethman, Board Counsel

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