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August 16, 2023

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Martin Taylor, R.Ph.

RE: Notice of Recommended Civil Penalty

License No. 17398 Case No. 23-092

Dear Mr. Taylor:

On April 29, 2022, the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an inspection of your pharmacy employer ("Pharmacy A") located in Baltimore, Maryland, to see if the Pharmacy was following federal and state laws regarding the operation of a pharmacy. During that inspection, the Board's inspector noted that your pharmacist's license had expired on March 31, 2022, yet you were designated as a staff pharmacist. The Board's records indicate that you subsequently reinstated your license and are currently active.

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The Board finds that you practiced as a staff pharmacist at Pharmacy A without a current and active license, or other authorization, between approximately April 1 and April 28, 2022.

II. RECOMMENDED CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY

Under the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occupations Article § 12-707(e), the Board of Pharmacy has the authority to impose a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 for practicing pharmacy

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without a license, and specifically may impose a civil penalty of \$1,000.00 per month for each month a pharmacist practices on an expired license.

Based upon the facts set forth in Section I above, and COMAR 10.34.11.09, the Board hereby recommends the imposition of a civil monetary penalty of \$1,000.00.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

If you dispute the findings, conclusions or the proposed civil monetary penalty, you may request an evidentiary hearing on the Board's determination in this matter. In the event that you request an evidentiary hearing, the Board shall initiate formal proceedings which will include the opportunity for a full evidentiary hearing. The hearing will be held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann. State Gov't § 10-201 et seq., and COMAR 10.34.01. Any request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Donna Goldberg, R.Ph., J.D., Maryland Board of Pharmacy, 4201 Patterson Ave., 5th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, no later than thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice.

Please be advised that at the hearing you would have the following rights: to be represented by counsel, to subpoena witnesses, to call witnesses on your own behalf, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, to testify, and to present summation and argument. Should the Board find you guilty of the violations of the Maryland Pharmacy Act, the Board may impose a civil penalty against you not to exceed \$50,000. If you request a hearing but fail to appear, the Board may nevertheless hear and determine the matter in your absence.

IV. OPTION TO PAY RECOMMENDED MONETARY PENALTY

Alternatively, the Pharmacy may pay the recommended civil monetary penalty within thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice, 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 23-092, on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case.

Upon your payment of the civil monetary penalty, this Notice will constitute the Board's final action with respect to this matter, and shall be a public order in accordance with the Maryland

Public Information Act, Gen. Provisions, Sec. 4-333, published on the Board's website in accordance with Health Occ., Sec. 1-607, and reported in accordance with State and federal laws.

If you have any questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter, please contact Donna Goldberg, R.Ph., J.D., at 410-764-3768.

Sincerely,

Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.

Executive Director