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October 25, 2023

**VIA CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
ARTICLE# 7019 2280 0000 6567 2353**

Urbana Pharmacy
3420 Worthington Blvd., Suite B
Frederick, Maryland 21704
Attn: Adetola Daramola, R.Ph., Pharmacy Manager

Re: Permit No. P08056
Case No. 23-398
Findings of Deficiencies and Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty
By Consent

Dear Pharmacy Manager:

On February 16, 2023, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of Urbana 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 pharmacist administration of vaccines, storage of prescription medications, and overall organization. Specifically, the Board's inspection and subsequent documents indicated: (1) a pharmacist on staff who administered vaccinations with an expired CPR certificate; (2) approximately 22 expired medications in the Pharmacy's inventory; (3) food in the Pharmacy's medication refrigerator; and (4) the Pharmacy was not organized.

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 staff pharmacist to administer vaccinations with an expired CPR certification; had approximately 22 expired medications in its pharmacy inventory; had food in the medication refrigerator; did not maintain its prescription area in an organized and clutter-free manner, in violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act.

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), (11) and (12), § 12-508(b), and COMAR 10.34.14.02A(3)(b).

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 \$1,000.00**. The deficiencies upon which the civil monetary penalty is based are set forth in this Notice and the inspection report dated February 16, 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 Pharmacy shall submit to the Board ***within 30 days from the date of this Notice***: (1) photographs of the entire prescription area demonstrating an organized, clutter-free workspace; and (2) standard operating procedures for inventory control for the timely removal of expired drugs.

IV. PAYMENT OF MONETARY PENALTY

The Pharmacy has agreed to pay the above civil monetary penalty within ninety (90) 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, 23-398, on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case.

Upon the Pharmacy's payment of the civil monetary penalty and submission of the required documents under Section III, 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 Donna Goldberg, R.Ph., J.D., at 410-764-3768.

Sincerely,



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director

cc: Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel