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Maryland Board of Pharmacy
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November 8, 2019

VIA REGULAR & CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Sara Yosef, R.Ph.
10232 Ebb Tide Lane
Laurel, MD 20723

Re: License No. 14655
Case No. 19-125
Finding of Violations and Imposition of Civil Monetary Penalty
By Consent

Dear Ms. Yosef:

The Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of your pharmacy employer on September 27, 2018. During that inspection, it was noted that you were registered with the Board to administer immunizations; however, your CPR certification was invalid as it was obtained online rather than through live in-person instruction. The Board received documents from your pharmacy employer evidencing that you administered approximately 381 vaccines without proper CPR certification. Subsequent to the inspection, you provided a copy of valid CPR certification obtained on October 3, 2018.

I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

The Board finds that you administered approximately 381 vaccinations without valid CPR certification obtained through live in-person instruction as required in order to administer vaccinations under the authority of your pharmacist's license. The Board recognizes that such violations were unintentional and the result of a lack of knowledge regarding the Board's CPR requirements.

A pharmacist must maintain an active CPR certification through in-person classroom instruction in order to be registered to administer vaccinations in accordance with the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occ. Art. § 12-508(b)(2) and COMAR 10.34.32.03.

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 above finding of violations, and the subsequent mitigating factors presented by Ms. Yosef, the Board hereby imposes and Ms. Yosef agrees to pay a **civil monetary penalty of $300.00**. The violations upon which the civil monetary penalty is based are set forth above.

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

Please pay the 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
7175 Columbia Gateway Drive
Columbia, MD 21046

NOTE: Please include the case number, 19-125, on your check or money order to ensure proper assignment to your case.

Ms. Yosef makes no admissions, but rather agrees to pay the civil monetary penalty as a resolution of this matter in lieu of formal charges, which process would have afforded her full evidentiary hearing rights in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

Upon payment of the civil monetary penalty, this Finding 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, and reported and posted in accordance with State and federal laws.

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

Sincerely,

Deena Speights-Napata
Executive Director

cc: Linda M. Bethman, Board Counsel