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4201 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215-2299

**BY REGULAR AND CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
ARTICLE #7019 2280 0000 6567 3817**

April 30, 2024

Wajhee Zaidi  
[REDACTED]

Re: Registration No. T23232  
Case No. 24-192  
Notice of Recommended Civil Penalty

Dear Mr. Zaidi:

On January 30, 2024, the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an inspection of your pharmacy employer ("Pharmacy A") located in Columbia, Maryland, to see if the Pharmacy was in compliance with federal and state laws regarding the operation of a pharmacy. During that inspection, the Board's inspector noted that your pharmacy technician registration had expired on May 31, 2023, yet you were observed performing delegated pharmacy acts in the Pharmacy. The Board's records indicate that you have since reinstated your technician registration.

## **I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

The Board finds that you worked as a pharmacy technician at Pharmacy A without a current and active registration between approximately June 1, 2023 and January 30, 2024.

A pharmacy technician must be duly registered with the Board, or otherwise statutorily authorized, in order to perform delegated pharmacy acts. Working as a

pharmacy technician without a registration is in violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act, Health Occ. Art. § 12-6B-01.

## **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 working as an unregistered pharmacy technician, and specifically may impose a civil penalty of \$25.00 per month for each month a pharmacy technician works on an expired registration, up to a maximum of \$250.00.

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 \$25.00.**

## **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 Trina Leak, Pharm.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 \$250.00. 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.

Notice of Deficiencies, Imposition of Civil  
Monetary Penalty, and Opportunity for Hearing  
Case No. 24-192  
License No. T23232

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 24-192, 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 Trina Leak, Pharm.D., Compliance Director, at 443-635-8318.

Sincerely,



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.  
Executive Director

cc: Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel  
Trina Leak, Pharm.D., Compliance Director  
Jitan Patel, R. Ph., Compliance Investigator Supervisor