GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:	:
WESTIN CARTER, AA	:
License No.: AA2000030	:
Respondent	:

CONSENT ORDER

This matter comes before the District of Columbia Board of Medicine (the "Board" or "D.C. Board") pursuant to the Health Occupations Revision Act (HORA). D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01, *et seq.* The HORA authorizes the Board to regulate the practice by anesthesiologists assistants in the District of Columbia. D.C. Official Code § 3-1202.03(a)(2). The Board has broad jurisdiction to impose a variety of disciplinary sanctions upon a finding of a violation of the HORA. D.C. Official Code, § 3-1201.03; *Mannan v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 558 A.2d 329, 333 (D.C. 1989). The Council of the District of Columbia, in amending the HORA, "intended to strengthen enforcement of its licensing laws." *Davidson v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 562 A.2d 109, 113 (D.C. 1989). And the HORA "was designed to 'address modern advances and community needs *with the paramount consideration of protecting the public interest*.'" *Joseph v. District of Columbia Board of Medicine*, 587 A.2d 1085, 1088 (D.C. 1991) (*quoting* Report of the D.C. Council on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs on Bill 6-317, at 7 (November 26, 1985)) (emphasis added by court).

Background

Mr. Westin Carter has been licensed to practice as an anesthesiologist assistant in the District of Columbia since September 8, 2022. His license expired on March 31, 2026, the same date he submitted his renewal application. The renewal application remains pending.

Respondent through counsel informed the Board on January 9, 2026 that sometime on or after December 9, 2025, he had been placed on medical leave by his employer, an anesthesiology group working at a large hospital in Washington D.C. His employer also reported to the Board on January 11, 2026 that Respondent had been suspended from work. The information provided to the Board revealed the following:

1. Following surgery in late 2025, Respondent underwent surgery which caused him "lasting pain" and "severe issues with his mental and emotional health." He returned to his job two months after the surgery. "Within a week [after returning to work] Mr. Carter began to take opiates that he had access to at work. He continued to do so for approximately three weeks." (Respondent's letter of 1/9/26).

2. The hospital's "controlled substance surveillance program identified multiple discrepancies in Mr. Carter's documentation including missing or undocumented waste and full-dose waste of [certain controlled substance] injections. On December 9, 2025, prior to a scheduled meeting regarding these findings, Colleagues observed Mr. Carter exhibiting abnormal gait and speech patterns during his shift. The Chief Anesthesiologist . .. immediately removed Mr. Carter from patient care duties and referred him to Occupational Health for a fit-for-duty evaluation and toxicology screening." The hospital suspended Respondent pending the toxicology results. Toxicology results were positive for unprescribed controlled substances. Respondent was not permitted to return to work at the time of the report to the Board. (Employer complaint, 1/11/26).

3. When Respondent was confronted with the staff concerns on December 9, he "immediately admitted to what he had done." (Respondent's letter). Mr. Carter had already begun to see a therapist and, following his suspension, entered into an intensive outpatient program.

4. The Board issued to Respondent an *Order for Examination to Determine Fitness to Practice* on or about April 22, 2026, and received an evaluation report from an evaluator approved by the Board dated June 30, 2026. The evaluator issued a diagnosis for Respondent and stated that Respondent should not return to practice without structured safeguards including a monitoring entity with a written monitoring agreement for testing, treatment, continuing care and workplace safeguards.

5. The Board considered the evaluation report, and statements from the Respondent and other individuals in support of Respondent. The supporting letters indicate that Respondent had already initiated contact with the Medical Society of DC (MSDC) Physician Health Program (PHP), one of the monitoring entities suggested by the evaluator. In consideration of the foregoing, Respondent and the Board now agree to enter into this Consent Order.

Conclusions of Law

It is a violation of the HORA for a licensee to provide, or attempt to provide, professional services while using any narcotic or controlled substance in excess of therapeutic amounts or without valid medical indication. D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14 (a)(7). The Board finds Respondent violated D.C. Code § 3-1205.14 (a)(7) on December 9, 2026 while working at a hospital in Washington D.C. Accordingly, Respondent's conduct has provided the Board with a basis in law and fact to take action against the Respondent.

ORDER

Based on the forgoing, it is by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine hereby, **ORDERED**, that Respondent's license is **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

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1. Respondent shall contact the MSDC PHP[1] within ten (10) days of signing this Consent Order to arrange for evaluation as soon as practicable in agreement with MSDC PHP;
2. Respondent shall provide the MSDC PHP a copy of this Consent Order and the evaluation report within ten days of signing the document;
3. Respondent shall comply with all monitoring and treatment recommendations of the MSDC PHP;
4. Respondent shall authorize and ensure that reports are submitted to the Board by the MSDC PHP on a quarterly basis regarding his compliance with the evaluation recommendations, monitoring and treatment until the successful termination of any agreement with the MSDC PHP. The first of these reports shall be due by close of business on the last business day of the third month following execution of this Negotiated Settlement Agreement and shall thereafter continue to be submitted on a quarterly basis, by the close of business on the last business day of each quarter. The quarterly reports shall be submitted to: dcbomed@dc.gov or mailed to Lisa Robinson, Compliance Monitor, 2201 Shannon Place SE, 1st Floor, Washington, D.C. 20020;
5. Any failure to comply with the evaluation or recommendations of the MSDC PHP shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order;

[1] Respondent shall contact Dr. Steve Carreras at scarreras@msdc.org or steve.msphp@gmail.com, or call (202) 355-9403.

6. If Respondent practices outside the District of Columbia or relocates indefinitely outside the District of Columbia without practicing in the District of Columbia, Respondent shall transfer monitoring and treatment to a PHP or similar program within the state or region in which he practices or to which he relocates, as approved by the MSDC PHP (or, for subsequent changes, the applicable monitoring program). He shall notify the Board prior to transferring, and is responsible for ensuring any subsequent monitoring program provides quarterly reports to the Board as required, and that he has also entered any necessary release of information for the Board to receive relevant information regarding his compliance with the program.

7. Respondent may petition the Board to terminate the suspension and transition to probation upon the recommendation of the PHP (or other applicable monitoring program) that Respondent is fit to return to practice; and it is further

ORDERED that upon execution of this Consent Order (that is, after Respondent and the Board Chair have signed it), Respondent's renewal application will be approved and his license will be in a suspended status until such time as the terms above are satisfied; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all laws, rules, and regulations of the District of Columbia, while within its jurisdiction;

ORDERED, that if Respondent fails to satisfactorily fulfill the terms of this Consent Order the Board may issue a notice of intent to take additional formal disciplinary action against Respondent's license; and it is further

ORDERED, that this is a public document.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF MEDICINE

September 16, 2026

Date

By: Andrea Anderson, MD, MEd, FAAFP
Chairperson

AGREEMENT OF RESPONDENT

By signing this public consent order, I agree to accept and abide by its terms. I acknowledge its validity and acknowledge that I have agreed to the terms set forth in this agreement. I fully acknowledge that by signing this consent order, I am waiving my right to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I also recognize that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling by the Board that might have followed any such hearing. By signing this settlement agreement, I waive all such rights.

I have had the opportunity to review this document and to seek the advice of my own legal counsel. I choose to sign this consent order willingly and without reservation and am fully aware of its meaning and effect.

09/16/2026
Date

Westin Carter, AA
License No.:AA2000030

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of September, 2026.

State of Nevada County of clark
Signed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on 09/16/2026 by Westin Carter.

Ansar Muhammad
NOTARY PUBLIC
STATE OF NEVADA
Appt. No. 26-1074-01
Expires April 17, 2030

Ansar Muhammad
Notary Public

This Consent Order shall be deemed a public document and shall be distributed as appropriate.

Notarized remotely using audio-video communication technology via Proof.