

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH REGULATION LICENSING ADMINISTRATION

IN THE MATTER OF

ALICE OMEGA ADAMS

Respondent

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NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE

To: Alice Omega Adams, M.D.
2056 Merrifields Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906

In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Official Code § 2-509 (a) (2012 Repl.), and the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.15 (b) (2012 Repl.), the Health Regulation Licensing Administration (HRLA) hereby gives you notice of the summary suspension of your license to practice medicine as a physician in the District of Columbia, License No. MD17481, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.15 (a) (2012 Repl.).

Your license is hereby **summarily suspended** effective **immediately** upon receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license, you must file a written request for a hearing within seventy-two (72) hours after service of this notice. Should you request a hearing, one will be held within seventy-two (72) hours of receipt of a timely request, and a decision will be rendered within seventy-two (72) hours after the close of the hearing. The request for a hearing must be submitted to Suzanne M. Fenzel, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Health, Health Licensing Regulation Administration, 899 North Capitol Street, N.E., 2nd Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. If you wish to resolve this matter by way of a settlement conference pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.19 (b) (2012 Repl.), you should contact the above-named attorney.

The District of Columbia is represented by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia in these proceedings. A copy of your hearing request and any pleading or other written communication addressed to the HLRA should also be delivered to Walter Adams II and Jessica Gunzel, Assistant Attorneys General, Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 441 Fourth Street, N.W., Suite 630 South, Washington, D.C. 20001. Walter Adams can be reached at (202) 727-6262 and Jessica Gunzel can be reached at (202) 724-6645.

You may appear personally at such a hearing and you may be represented by legal counsel. You have the right to produce witnesses and evidence on your behalf, to cross-examine witnesses against you, to examine evidence produced, and to have subpoenas issued on your behalf to require the production of witnesses and evidence.

All hearings are conducted before the administrative judge in the English language. If you or any witnesses to be called are deaf, have a hearing impediment or cannot readily understand or communicate the spoken English language, an application may be made to the administrative law judge for the appointment of a qualified interpreter.

The basis of the contemplated action is certain information received by the agency which, if proven to be true, justifies taking the proposed action pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.15 (2012 Repl.).

The charge upon which the summary suspension is based is set forth below.

Charge I:

Your license to practice medicine was suspended in another jurisdiction and has not been reinstated, for which your license may be summarily suspended pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.15 (a) (1) (A) (2012 Repl.).

By order dated March 13, 2018, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (MD Board) summarily suspended your license to practice medicine, No. D52085, in the State of Maryland. Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2)(i), the MD Board concluded that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively required emergency action. Specifically, the MD Board initiated an investigation after it received a complaint that you were allegedly practicing while in an impaired state. During the investigation, the MD Board confirmed that you were prescribed controlled dangerous substances, including Schedule II and III opioids and Schedule IV benzodiazepines. The MD Board then ordered an evaluation through the Maryland Profession Rehabilitation Program (MPRP). On or about March 5, 2018, a psychiatrist for MPRP concluded that you pose a risk to patients in your practice and that you are in need of immediate addiction treatment because you are in complete denial about your addiction.

A request for a hearing will not stay this summary suspension. Please note that under 17 DCMR § 4103.2, your failure to appear at the time and place set for the

hearing, either in person or through counsel, or both, will not preclude the administrative law judge's proceeding in this matter.

April 27, 2018
Date

Sharon Williams Lewis
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Health Regulation and Licensing Administration