


## Departmental Routing

<b>TO:</b>	Arian R. Gibson, M.S. Senior Deputy Director				
<b>FROM:</b>	Ericka L. Walker, MSW Executive Director On behalf of Dr. Chithenga Sithembile, Executive Director, Board of Medicine				
<b>DATE:</b>	May 4, 2023				
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Notice of Summary Action to Suspend License in the Matter of Keri M. Bentley, M.D.				
<b>Contact Person:</b> Ajay Gohil Assistant General Counsel covering for Suzanne Fenzel			<b>Phone:</b> 202-442-4715		
<b>Description:</b> Mr. Gibson's signature requested for Notice of Summary Action to Suspend License in the Matter of Keri M. Bentley, M.D.					
<b>OD RECEIVING</b>	Received by:	Date:	Need by:		
<b>Action Requested:</b>					
Signature <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FYI only <input type="checkbox"/>					
<b>Action Taken:</b>					
Not approved, must discuss <input type="checkbox"/> Major revisions needed <input type="checkbox"/> Approved with minor edits <input type="checkbox"/> Approved as is <input type="checkbox"/>					
Required Clearance: All checked boxes, require signature					
	<b>Signature Required</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>CLEARED BY:</b>		Arian Gibson	Senior Deputy Director		5/8/2023
<b>CLEARED BY:</b>		Aisha Nixon	Associate Director		
<b>CLEARED BY:</b>		Dr. Chithenga Sithembile	Executive Director		
<b>CLEARED BY:</b>		Phillip Husband	General Counsel		
<b>CLEARED BY:</b>		Suzanne Fenzel	Assistant Gen. Counsel		

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**Office of the Attorney General**



**ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
**BRIAN L. SCHWALB**

**Civil Litigation Division**  
**Civil Enforcement Section**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** **Suzanne Fenzel**  
**Assistant General Counsel**  
**Department of Health**

**THROUGH:** **Kimberly M. Johnson**  
**Chief, Civil Enforcement Section**

**Charles J. Coughlin**  
**Assistant Chief, Civil Enforcement Section**

**FROM:** **Kevin Lutes**  
**Assistant Attorney General**

**DATE:** **May 4, 2023**

**SUBJECT:** **In the Matter of Keri M. Bentley, M.D.**  
**License No. MD047965**

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This Section received the above-referenced request for the preparation of a Summary Suspension on May 1, 2023. The proposed notice is attached. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant Attorney General Kevin Lutes at (202) 807-0380 or by email at [Kevin.Lutes@dc.gov](mailto:Kevin.Lutes@dc.gov).

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



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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**Bentley, Keri, M.D.**

**Respondent.**

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**NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE**

To: Keri M. Bentley, M.D.  
10616 Eagles Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37922

In accordance with the provisions of the District of Columbia Administrative Procedure Act, D.C. Code § 2-509; the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a); and 17 DCMR § 4118, the District of Columbia Department of Health (D.C. Health) gives you notice of the summary suspension of your medical license, MD047965, under D.C. Code § 3-1205.15(a).

Your license is summarily suspended effective immediately upon receipt of this notice. If you wish to appeal this summary suspension of your license, you must file a request for a hearing within 72 hours after service of this notice. Should you request a hearing, one will be held within 72 hours of a timely request, and a decision will be rendered within 72 hours after the close of the hearing. The request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Suzanne Fenzel, Assistant General Counsel, D.C. Health. The request may be submitted by email to [suzanne.fenzel3@dc.gov](mailto:suzanne.fenzel3@dc.gov) or by mail to 899 North Capital Street, N.E., 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20002. Ms. Fenzel can be reached at (202) 724-8915.

The District of Columbia (the District) is represented by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia. A copy of your hearing request and any pleading or other written communication addressed to D.C. Health must also be delivered to Kevin Lutes, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Civil Enforcement Section, 400 Sixth Street, N.W., Suite 10100, Washington, D.C. 20001. AAG Lutes can be reached at (202) 807-0380 or by email at [kevin.lutes@dc.gov](mailto:kevin.lutes@dc.gov).

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

All hearings are conducted 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.

A request for a hearing will not stay the suspension of your license.

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


**Charge: Your medical license was suspended by the States of Kentucky, Alabama, Wyoming, Iowa, and Tennessee and has not been reinstated, for which D.C. Health can take summary action to suspend your District medical license under D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a)(1)(A).**

On March 24, 2023, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure (Kentucky Board) summarily suspended your license to practice medicine under Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 13B.125(2). The Kentucky Board found you “[e]ngaged in dishonorable, unethical, or unprofessional conduct of a character likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public or any member thereof...” under Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 311.595(9).

On March 24, 2023, the States of Alabama and Wyoming summarily suspended your license. On April 6, 2023, the State of Iowa summarily suspended your license. On April 26, 2023, the State of Tennessee summarily suspended your license. To date, your Kentucky, Alabama, Wyoming, Iowa, and Tennessee licenses remain suspended.

Please note 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 D.C. Health’s proceeding in this matter.

5/18/2023  
DATE

  
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ARIAN R. GIBSON, M.S.  
Senior Deputy Director  
Department of Health  
Health Regulation and Licensing Administration