GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

IN RE:	:
BENJAMIN FRIZNER, M.D.	:
License No.: MD046710	:
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.* (2016 Repl.). The HORA authorizes the Board to regulate the practice of medicine in the District of Columbia. 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

Dr. Benjamin Frizner (Respondent) has been licensed to practice medicine in the District of Columbia since November 29, 2018. His license expires August 31, 2027. Respondent also practices in the states of Maryland and Pennsylvania.

On December 9, 2024, the Maryland State Board of Physicians issued a Consent Order (Maryland Consent Order) with Respondent which reprimanded his license, assessed a fifteen thousand dollar ($15,000) fine, and placed him on probation. The Consent Order resulted from a finding that he "willfully made or filed a false report or record in the practice of medicine," (Maryland Consent Order p.4). The Order states that at all relevant times, Respondent was employed by a staffing agency and assigned to a nursing home in Baltimore, Maryland (the Nursing Home) (Maryland Consent Order p. 2). It further states that between March 1, 2023 and April 5, 2023, Respondent entered and signed a total of 383 electronic medical records stating that he performed physical assessments on Nursing Home patients when the Respondent was not physically present at the Nursing Home to perform the physical assessments. (Maryland Consent Order p. 3). Under oath in an interview with the Maryland State Board of Physicians, respondent stated, that for approximately fifteen (15) months between 2022 and 2023, he treated patients at the Nursing Home via audio calls with nursing home staff, without a conversation or visual encounter with the patients. *Id.* Respondent also failed to evaluate seven (7) nursing home patients upon their admission to the nursing home, as he was required to do. *Id.*

The Board considered the Maryland Consent Order and closure at its meeting on February 26, 2025, and voted to take reciprocal disciplinary action against Respondent's District of

Columbia medical license. Respondent and the Board now agree to enter into this Consent Order.

Conclusions of Law

The D.C. Board is authorized, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3), to take reciprocal action when a respondent has been disciplined by a licensing authority of another jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for Board action. In pertinent part, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(3) states:

> Each board, subject to the right of a hearing as provided by this subchapter, on an affirmative vote of a quorum of its appointed members may take one or more of the disciplinary actions...against any person permitted by this subchapter to practice a health occupation regulated by the board in the District who **is disciplined by a licensing or disciplinary authority...of any jurisdiction for conduct that would be grounds for disciplinary action under this section.** (emphasis added)

Respondent's conduct in Maryland violated D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(8) (willfully makes or files a false report or record in the practice of a health occupation), D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(13) (submits false statements to collect fees for which services are not provided or submits statements to collect fees for services which are not medically necessary); D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(24) (violates any provision of this chapter or rules and regulations issued pursuant to this chapter) and D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(a)(26) (fails to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession).

Accordingly, Respondent's conduct has provided the Board with a basis in law and fact to take action against Respondent under the authority of D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.14(a)(3), (8), (13), (24), and (26).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine hereby,

ORDERED, that Respondent's license is **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum of **ONE YEAR**. During probation, the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Respondent shall pay a fine of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000.00). The fine must be paid within six (6) months of the execution date of this Consent Order (that is, the date that the Consent Order is signed by the Board Chair). The fine shall be paid by check or money order to the order of "D.C. Treasurer" and mailed, along with a copy of this Consent Order, to: D.C. Board of Medicine, DC Health, 2nd Floor, 2201 Shannon Place SE, Washington D.C. 20021; and
2. Recognizing Respondent's completion of the twenty-two (22) hour course from Professional Boundaries, Inc. (pbieducation.com) on Medical Ethics and Professionalism, no further additional medical education is required; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent may petition the Board for termination of probation after all terms of probation have been met and Maryland has terminated his probation due to satisfaction of the terms; and it is further

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

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

March 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.

6/25/2025
Date

Benjamin Frizner, M.D.
License No.:MD046710

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25 day of June, 2025.

SAMANTHA RAE LIM NOTARY PUBLIC HOWARD COUNTY, MD.

Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 12/11/2027

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 25 DAY OF June, 2025
WITNESS MY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL

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