

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



IN THE MATTER OF:

Frederick Gooding, MD

Respondent.

NOTICE OF SUMMARY ACTION TO SUSPEND LICENSE

To: Frederick Gooding, MD
204 Buck Road
Wilmington, DE 19807

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, MD18842, 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, Office of General Counsel, D.C. Health. The request may be submitted by email to 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) 934-0446.

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 Christopher Southcott, 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 Southcott can be reached at (202) 257-1024 or by email at Christopher.Southcott@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 are set forth below.

Charge: **You have been convicted of an offense that is directly related to the practice of medicine, for which D.C. Health may summarily suspend your medical license under D.C. Code § 3–1205.15(a)(1)(B).**

On March 10, 2023, you were convicted of 11 counts of health care fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in the case of *United States v. Frederick Gooding*, Criminal No. 19–cr–00255. The jury found that between 2015 and 2018 you fraudulently billed Medicare more than \$5 million for injections you did not perform or did not provide as billed. And those injections included spinal injections for which you did not own the necessary equipment. Health care fraud is directly related to your occupation. As a provider of health care, engaging in a years-long scheme to defraud Medicare demonstrates your willingness to engage in illegal and unethical occupational practices. Healthcare fraud and the underlying elements of that offense are also directly related to your occupation because the Board can sanction you under D.C. Code § 3–1205.14(a)(45).

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.

4/20/2023
DATE



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