

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE:**

**IKENNA UZOMAH, AA**

**License No.: AA000060**

**Respondent**

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**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**

Mr. Ikenna Uzomah (Respondent) has been licensed as an Anesthesia Assistant in the District of Columbia since October 14, 2015. On January 29, 2021, the Board received notice

from his employer, MedStar Health (MedStar), that his employment was terminated on January 15, 2021. The reason for his termination was due to Respondent's arrest by Prince George's County Police on January 14, 2021 for unlawful possession of controlled substances and subsequent charges. Respondent was charged with four counts of possession of controlled dangerous substances, nine counts of unlawful possession of a prescription drug with intent to distribute, and one count of theft.

Following Respondent's arrest on January 14, 2021, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital began an investigation on January 22, 2021. During the investigation, Respondent admitted that he left his workplace, MedStar, at the end of his shift on January 14, 2021 still in possession of his fanny pack, which was used to store and carry controlled medication during his shift. The fanny pack contained several full vials and syringes of controlled anesthesia substances including Schedule II and IV controlled substances. Respondent admitted that he was aware of the vials still in his possession after leaving MedStar, however, he did not return to MedStar to correctly dispose of them as he was in a hurry due to a personal appointment. Instead, Respondent left the fanny pack with controlled substances and prescription drugs unattended in his vehicle and placed a syringe filled with a controlled substance in plain view on the console of his vehicle. After his personal appointment ended, Respondent parked in a school parking lot due to car troubles. A Prince George's County police officer stopped and subsequently arrested and charged Respondent in the District Court of Maryland for Prince George's County.

Respondent admitted that he was aware of MedStar's policy, that all unused medication issued to anesthesia providers each day must be wasted at the end of the day, either at the pharmacy or using the Pyxis medication management dispensing system. Respondent's fanny

pack contained medication that had been issued to him prior to January 14, 2021. During MedStar's investigation, Respondent admitted that throughout his career at MedStar, he had "probably" wasted medication late up to seven additional times and that he had left hospital grounds with controlled substances and prescription-only drugs on other occasions as well.

DC Health summarily suspended Respondent's license on March 29, 2021. The Board issued Respondent a Notice of Intent to take Disciplinary Action (NOI) on October 4, 2021 for which he timely requested a hearing. Respondent's criminal charges have been dismissed. Respondent and the Board have now agreed to enter into this Consent Order to resolve the charges in the NOI and terminate the Summary Suspension.

#### **Findings of Fact**

1. Respondent is a licensed anesthesiologist assistant in the District of Columbia and has been licensed here since October 14, 2015.
2. Respondent was terminated from his employment at MedStar, following an internal investigation prompted by Respondent's arrest in Prince George's County.
3. Respondent left his workplace, MedStar, still in possession of controlled substances those of which were not properly wasted at the end of the day either at the pharmacy or using the Pyxis medication management dispensing system as required by his employer's policy. Respondent admitted that he had not cleaned his fanny pack in over a year and that throughout his career with MedStar, he has not abided by MedStar's disposal policy
4. Respondent admits the allegations and desires to enter into this Consent Order.

### Conclusions of Law

The D.C. Board is authorized to take action against Respondent's license pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.14(c). Respondent knowingly or intentionally possessed controlled substances without appropriate authorization in violation of D.C. Official Code §§ 3-1205.14(a)(25) and 48-904.01(d)(1). In doing so, Respondent's conduct failed to conform to standards of acceptable conduct and prevailing practice within a health profession in violation of D.C. Official Code §3-1205.14(a)(26).

### ORDER

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

**ORDERED** that Respondent's license is placed on **PROBATION** for a period of no less than one (1) year and the terms of the probation are:

1. Respondent will have a practice monitor who will monitor Respondent's use, control, and returned of controlled substances and other drugs during the course of his duties.

Respondent shall provide proof to the Board, at D.C. Health, ATTN: Board of Medicine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 899 North Capitol NE, Washington D.C. 20002, or e-mailed to [Lisaa.Robinson@dc.gov](mailto:Lisaa.Robinson@dc.gov), the name and contact information of the monitor. The practice monitor shall be a licensed independent practitioner, pharmacist, or supervisory anesthesiologist assistant who will monitor Respondent's use, control and return of all controlled substances and drugs in Respondent's possession. Respondent shall ensure the practice monitor provides a quarterly report to the Board at the address above of Respondent's compliance with the laws and facility practices regarding the use, control and return of controlled substances and other drugs used in

the course of his duties. Respondent shall also provide the chaperone a copy of this Consent Order.

2. Respondent shall submit to random drug testing by an accredited drug-testing lab, no less than once per month, for the duration of the one (1) year probation period.

Respondent shall ensure the accredited drug-testing laboratory provides the test results to: D.C. Health, ATTN: Board of Medicine, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 899 North Capitol NE, Washington D.C. 20002, or e-mailed to [Lisaa.Robinson@dc.gov](mailto:Lisaa.Robinson@dc.gov), the first test of which shall be provided within thirty (30) days of the execution date of this document;

3. Respondent shall complete a 40-hour Medication Safety Certification Program through the Institute for Safe Medication Practices within six (6) months from the date of this Consent Order. Respondent shall provide proof of completion to the Board, at the address stated above.

4. Respondent may petition the Board for the termination of his probation after one year of successful reports and completion of the probationary terms. It is further

**ORDERED** that Respondent shall bear all costs associated with this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Board's Summary Suspension previously issued will terminate upon execution of this Consent Order; 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

12/14/2022  
Date


  
By: Andrea Anderson, MD, FAAFP  
Chairperson

**AGREEMENT OF RESPONDENT**


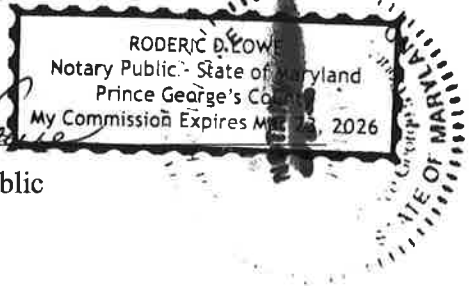
By signing this public consent order, I agree to accept and abide by its terms. I acknowledge its validity and acknowledge that I have agreed to the terms set forth in this agreement. I fully acknowledge that by signing this consent order, I am waiving my right to confront witnesses, to give testimony, 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.

11/19/22  
Date

  
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Ikenna Uzomah, AA  
License No. AA000060

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 19 day of NOVEMBER, 2022.

  
  
Notary Public

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