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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARIA B. MAINOLFI-PALARATA, M.D., RESPONDENT.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

ORDER 0008179

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MED 578

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Maria B. Mainolfi-Palarata, M.D. Baltimore, MD 21218

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Maria B. Mainolfi-Palarata, M.D., (Year of Birth 1981) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 1528-320, first issued on September 14, 2021, with registration current through October 31, 2023. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Baltimore, Maryland 21218. Respondent is also licensed to practice medicine in Maryland (license number D81680).
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent practiced as a medical director at an urgent care center located in Baltimore, Maryland (Center).

- 3. On March 21, 2022, Respondent was reprimanded and ordered to pay a \$1000.00 fine by the Maryland State Board of Physicians (Maryland Board) for filing a false report in the practice of medicine. Respondent falsely informed the Maryland Board that her termination from the Center was due to poor care by a physician's assistant.
- 4. Respondent timely notified the Department of the action taken by the Maryland Board.
- 5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by having any credential pertaining to the practice of medicine and surgery or any act constituting the practice of medicine and surgery become subject to adverse determination by any agency of this or another state, or by any federal agency or authority, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(c).
- 3. As a result of the above violation, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$477.00.
- 4. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Respondent may also submit this information online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov.

5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license and registration (number 1528-320), or Respondent's right to renew her license and registration, may,

in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.

6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD	
By: Salla A. Waran, Ms A Member of the Board	9/21/2022 Date
	Date

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

MARIA B. MAINOLFI-PALARATA, M.D., RESPONDENT.

STIPULATION

ORDER 0008179

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 21 MED 578

Respondent Maria B. Mainolfi-Palarata, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

- This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division 1. of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by
- Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the
- If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Maria B. Mainolfi-Palarata, M.D., Respondent Baltimore, MD 21218

License No. 1528-320

Colleen Meloy, Prosecuting Attorney

Department of Safety and Professional Services

Division of Legal Services and Compliance

P.O. Box 7190

Madison, WI 53707-7190

August 15, 2022

Date

August 15, 2022

Date