

## STATE OF MARYLAND

## Board of Physicians

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Re: Harold Alexander, M.D.

Case No.: 7713-0016 License No.: D22219

Dear Dr. Alexander and Counsel:

On October 25, 2013, the Board issued a **CEASE AND DESIST ORDER** in this case. The Order required Dr. Alexander to immediately cease and desist from performing any surgical abortions and from administering any Controlled Dangerous Substances, including but not limited to sedation. Dr. Alexander was given an opportunity to attend a hearing on December 18, 2013 to show cause why that Cease and Desist Order should not be vacated. Dr. Alexander attended the hearing on that date together with his counsel, Ronald Hill, Esquire. The State was represented by Dawn Rubin, Assistant Attorney General, Administrative Prosecutor. Both parties presented extensive oral arguments at the show cause hearing.

After considering these arguments at the hearing, the Board determined that it would modify the Cease and Desist Order imposed on October 25, 2013, as follows:

(1) Dr. Alexander shall **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** from performing any surgical abortions at an unlicensed surgical abortion facility and shall perform such

procedures only at a surgical abortion facility that is licensed as required by Md. Code Regs. 10.12.01.02.

(2) Dr. Alexander shall limit his prescription/administration of Controlled Dangerous Substances ("CDS") consistent with the Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Memorandum of Agreement dated October 28, 2013.

## Notice of Right to Evidentiary Hearing

If Dr. Alexander challenges or violates the Cease and Desist Order as modified above, he has the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. The matter is adjudicated according to the procedures in the Board's regulations at 10.32.02.04. *See* COMAR 10.32.02.13 E. This request will be granted if the Board receives a written request for a hearing within ten days of the date of this Order. Any request for a hearing should be sent to Christine A. Farrelly, Acting Executive Director, at the Board's address.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Sincerely yours,

Christine A. Farrelly Adting Executive Director

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