

IN THE MATTER OF

*** BEFORE THE MARYLAND**

**CANDICE EXUM
Pharmacy Technician**

*** STATE BOARD OF**

*** PHARMACY**

RESPONDENT

*** Case Number: 24-014**

Registration Number: T12854

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
PHARMACY TECHNICIAN REGISTRATION**

The Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the “Board”) hereby summarily suspends the registration of Candice Exum (the “Respondent”), Registration Number T12854, to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to the Board’s authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2) (2021 Repl. Vol.) and Code of Maryland Regulations (“COMAR”) 10.34.01.12F, concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS¹

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally registered to practice as a pharmacy technician in Maryland on June 14, 2013, under registration number T12854. The Respondent’s registration is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2024.

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the allegations. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was employed as a pharmacy technician at a hospital (the “Hospital”)² located in Prince George’s County, Maryland.

3. On or about July 17, 2023, the Board received a complaint from the Hospital stating that it was investigating a suspected case of diversion of Oxycodone 5mg IR by the Respondent.

4. On or about August 11, 2023, the Board received a letter from the Hospital advising the Board that the Hospital had completed its investigation of the Respondent and that the Respondent had been terminated after admitting to stealing Oxycodone 5 mg and giving them to her relative in exchange for \$500.

5. The Hospital’s investigation revealed that the Respondent switched Oxycodone 5 mg tablets with Fludrocortisone 0.1 mg tablets during the prepackaging process performed to refill a Pyxis MedStation³ used to store and dispense medication. The Oxycodone and Fludrocortisone tablets look similar in size and color and the medication switch was therefore not immediately detected by the Hospital.

6. The Hospital included a copy of DEA Form 106 “Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances” that reported a theft of 120 tablets of Oxycodone HCL 5 mg.

7. The Hospital also provided a copy of a letter dated July 14, 2023, and signed by the Respondent apologizing and admitting misconduct. In her written statement, the

² In order to maintain confidentiality, names of individuals and facilities involved in this matter will not be used in this document but will be provided to the Respondent on request.

³ A Pyxis MedStation is an automated medication dispensing system supporting decentralized medication management. It helps clinicians safely and efficiently dispense the right medications for the right patients at the right time.

Respondent stated “Please accept my sincere apologies. There was misconduct on my part and I am resigning effectively immediately.”

8. Based on the above information, the Board has reason to believe that the Respondent diverted multiple CDS medications while employed as a pharmacy technician at the Hospital.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to State Gov’t. § 10-226 (c)(2)(i) and COMAR 10.34.01.12F

ORDER

It is, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent’s registration to practice as a pharmacy technician, Registration Number T12854, in the State of Maryland be and is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall immediately return all registrations and licenses to the Board; and it is further


ORDERED that the Respondent has the opportunity to appear before the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing. A request for a post-deprivation show cause hearing must be in writing and be made **WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS** of receipt of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for a post-deprivation show cause hearing, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear when scheduled, the investigative findings contained in this Order shall stand and the Respondent's pharmacy technician registration will remain **SUSPENDED** absent any further action by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 – 4-601 (2019 Repl. Vol. and 2022 Supp.).

10-24-23

Date



Deena Speights-Napata, M.A.
Executive Director
Maryland Board of Pharmacy