

# MARYLAND

## Department of Health

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### **MARYLAND BOARD OF PHARMACY**

*4201, Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299*

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January 5, 2018

**BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
CERTIFIED NUMBER: 7015 1520 0003 1509 6924**

Weis Pharmacy #128  
2205 Hanover Pike  
Hampstead, Maryland 21074  
Attn: Wayne Yelle, R.Ph.

Re: Permit No. P05721  
Case No. PI-16-158  
Notice of Deficiencies, Recommended Civil Monetary Penalty, and  
Opportunity for Hearing

Dear Pharmacy Manager:

On February 24, 2016, the Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") conducted an annual inspection of Weis Pharmacy #128 (the "Pharmacy") to ensure compliance with statutes and regulations governing the operation of pharmacies. The Board's inspection determined that the Pharmacy was not in compliance with laws governing pharmacy technician registration. Specifically, the Pharmacy had a technician trainee, S.B., performing delegated pharmacy acts without being in a Board-approved technician training program. The Board's records indicate that the technician subsequently applied for and received a technician registration on September 23, 2016.

### **I. FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION**

The Board finds that the Pharmacy permitted an unlicensed technician trainee to perform delegated pharmacy acts without being enrolled in a Board-approved technician training course from approximately February 24, 2016, to September 23, 2016.

Based upon the findings above, the Board concludes that the Pharmacy is in violation of the Maryland Pharmacy Act and the regulations adopted thereunder. Specifically, the Board finds the Pharmacy in violation of Health Occ. Art. § 12-403(c)(1) and § 12-6B-01.

## II. RECOMMENDED CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY

Under Maryland Health Occupations Article § 12-410 and COMAR 10.34.11, the Board of Pharmacy has the authority to impose a civil monetary penalty based upon violations of the Maryland Pharmacy Act.

Based upon the above violation at the Pharmacy, the Board hereby recommends the imposition of a **civil monetary penalty of \$1,000.00**. The violations upon which the civil monetary penalty is based are noted above.

In determining the recommended civil monetary penalty, the Board took into consideration the aggregating and mitigating factors outlined in COMAR 10.34.11.08.

## III. FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION

Please be advised that the Board of Pharmacy may perform a follow-up inspection of the Pharmacy to insure that the deficiencies noted in the Report have not reoccurred. Should the follow-up inspection indicate that the Pharmacy has further deficiencies, the Board may pursue further disciplinary action against the Pharmacy that may result in the imposition of sanctions such as suspension, revocation or additional monetary penalties.

## IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

If the Pharmacy disputes the findings, conclusions or the civil monetary penalty, the Pharmacy may request an evidentiary hearing on the Board's decision in this matter. In the event that the Pharmacy requests an evidentiary hearing, the Board shall initiate formal proceedings which will include the opportunity for a full evidentiary hearing. The hearing will be held in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. Code Ann. State Gov't § 10-201 *et seq.*, and COMAR 10.34.01. Any request for a hearing must be submitted in writing to Lisa Sanderoff, R.Ph., Pharmacist Investigator Supervisor, Maryland Board of Pharmacy, 4201 Patterson Ave., 5th Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21215, **no later than thirty (30) days of the date of this Notice**.

Please be advised that at the hearing the Pharmacy would have the following rights: to be represented by counsel, to subpoena witnesses, to call witnesses on the Pharmacy's behalf, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, to testify, and to present summation and argument. Should the Board find the Pharmacy guilty of the violations cited in the Reports, the Board may suspend or revoke the pharmacy permit, or impose civil penalties, or both. If the Pharmacy requests a hearing but fails to appear, the Board may nevertheless hear and determine the matter in the Pharmacy's absence.

**V. OPTION TO PAY RECOMMENDED CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY**

Alternatively, the Pharmacy may pay the recommended civil monetary penalty **within thirty (30) days** of the date of this Notice, in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy.

Please mail the check or money order to:


Maryland Board of Pharmacy  
P.O. Box 2051  
Baltimore, MD 21203-2051

***NOTE: Please include the case number, PI-16-158, on your check or money order to insure proper assignment to your case.***

Upon the Pharmacy's payment of the civil monetary penalty, this Notice will constitute the Board's final action with respect to the inspection conducted on February 24, 2016, and shall be a public document in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act.

If you have any questions concerning the instructions contained in this letter, please contact Lisa Sanderoff, R.Ph., Pharmacist Investigator Supervisor, at 410-764-3768.

Sincerely,



Edward Fields, Deputy Director  
for  
Deena Speights-Napata  
Executive Director

cc: Linda Bethman, AAG, Board Counsel