

IN THE MATTER OF
AMY ALLEN, D.C.
Respondent

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
* EXAMINERS
* Case Number: 17-10C

License Number: S03679

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC**

The Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **AMY ALLEN, D.C.** (the "Respondent"), License Number S03679, to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't II ("State Gov't II") § 10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol.), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the summary suspension. 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.

chiropractic in Maryland on October 27, 2011, under License Number S03679. The Respondent's chiropractic license is active through September 1, 2017.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent practiced chiropractic at a chiropractic office (the "Office")² that is located in Maryland.

II. COMPLAINT, DATED APRIL 20, 2017

3. The Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent after reviewing a complaint, dated April 20, 2017, from a chiropractor (the "Complainant") who employed the Respondent to practice chiropractic on a full time basis in his/her office beginning in or around September 2015, and continuing until on or about April 6, 2017.

4. The Complainant reported that he terminated the Respondent's employment after she engaged in certain behaviors and disclosed information about a medical condition that affected her ability to provide safe and competent chiropractic care to patients.

III. SUBSEQUENT BOARD INVESTIGATION

5. As part of the Board's investigation, a Board investigator obtained written statements from various Office staff members about the Respondent's conduct and behavior at the Office. The Board investigator also interviewed the Respondent.

6. The Board's investigation determined that the Respondent had a medical condition that affected her ability to provide safe and competent chiropractic care to

² For confidentiality and privacy reasons, the names of all chiropractic offices, complainants, clients, chiropractic staff or other individuals referenced in this document will not be identified by name. The Respondent may obtain the identity of any individual or entity referenced herein by contacting the assigned administrative prosecutor.

patients.³

7. Based on the above investigative facts, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires the immediate suspension of the Respondent's license to practice chiropractic, pursuant to State Gov't II § 10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing investigative findings and conclusions of law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by State Govt. II § 10-226(c)(2)(2014 Repl. Vol.), the Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; 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 TEN (10) DAYS** of the date of this Order. The written request should be made to: Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director, Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 301, Baltimore, Maryland 21215; with copies mailed to: Robert J. Gilbert, Deputy Counsel, Health Occupations Prosecution and Litigation Division, Office of the Attorney General, 300 West Preston Street, Suite 201, Baltimore, Maryland 21201;

³ To maintain confidentiality, specific instances of behavior will not be referenced in this Order. The Respondent may obtain this information and any substantiating documents from the assigned administrative prosecutor.

and Grant D. Gerber, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, 300 West Preston Street, Suite 302, Baltimore, Maryland 21201; and it is further

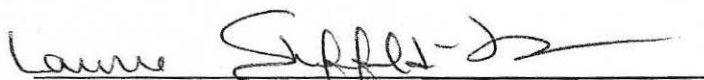
ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to request a post-deprivation show cause hearing in writing in a timely manner, or if the Respondent requests a post-deprivation show cause hearing but fails to appear before the Board when the hearing is scheduled, the Respondent's license to practice chiropractic shall remain **SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that upon presentation of this Order, the Respondent **SHALL SURRENDER** to the Board her original chiropractic license, wallet card and any other official indicia of licensure; and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of the Board, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

5-26-17

Date



Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Chiropractic
Examiners