

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

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CASE NO. 25-CRF-0050

25-CRF-0052

Irina Y Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P.

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ENTRY OF ORDER

On May 23, 2025, Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P., executed a Surrender of her license to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, and to practice as a respiratory care professional in the state of Ohio with consent to permanent revocation, which document is attached hereto and fully incorporated herein.

Wherefore, upon ratification by the Board of the surrender, it is hereby ORDERED that Certificate No. 36.003747 authorizing Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P., to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, and to practice as a respiratory care professional in the state of Ohio be permanently REVOKED.

This Order is hereby entered upon the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 11th day of June 2025, and the original thereof shall be kept with said Journal. This Order shall become effective immediately upon the date of service of the notification of approval by the Board.



Kim G. Rothermel M.D.

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary

6-11-25

June 11, 2025
Date

**STATE OF OHIO
THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD
PERMANENT SURRENDER OF CERTIFICATES
TO PRACTICE PODIATRIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY
CASE NO. 25CRF-0050
AND TO PRACTICE AS A RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL
CASE NO. 25CRF-0052**

Do not sign this Agreement without reading it. An individual who permanently surrenders a certificate issued by the Board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a certificate to practice or to apply to the Board for reinstatement of the certificate or issuance of any new certificate. You are permitted to be accompanied, represented and advised by an attorney, at your own expense, before deciding to sign this voluntary Agreement.

I, Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P., am aware of my right to representation by counsel and the rights of being formally charged and having a formal adjudicative hearing and do hereby freely execute this Permanent Surrender of Certificates [Agreement] and choose to take the actions described herein. I acknowledge and agree that I am entering into this Agreement of my own free will and volition and have not been coerced to do so, nor am I under duress at the time of executing this Agreement. I further acknowledge that I had an opportunity to ask questions concerning the terms of this Agreement and that all questions asked have been answered in a satisfactory manner. I aver that I fully understand all of the terms and provisions of this voluntary Agreement. I further agree that no representations have been made by the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board], its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives regarding any of the legal ramifications of this Agreement, including but not limited to the effect this Agreement may have on my current or future employment, my specialty board certifications, or any licenses, past, present or future, to practice in other states or jurisdictions.

I, Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P., acknowledge that I have not been legally authorized to practice podiatric medicine and surgery or to practice as a respiratory care professional in Ohio since on or about March 12, 2025, the effective date upon which my certificates to practice were summarily suspended. Further, I do hereby voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrender my certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, License #36.003747, to the Board, thereby relinquishing all rights to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in Ohio. Additionally, I do hereby voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrender my certificate to practice as a respiratory care professional, License #RCP.8077, to the Board, thereby relinquishing all rights to practice as a respiratory care professional in Ohio.

I understand that, as a result of the surrenders herein, I am no longer permitted to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in any form or manner in the State of Ohio. I further understand that, as a result of the surrenders herein, I am no longer permitted to practice as a respiratory care professional in Ohio.

I agree that I shall be ineligible for, and shall not apply for, reinstatement or restoration of my certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, License #36.003747, and my certificate to practice as a respiratory care professional, License #RCP.8077, or issuance of any other certificate pursuant to the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio, on or after the date of signing this Agreement. Any such attempted reapplication shall be considered null and void and shall not be processed by the Board.

I hereby authorize the State Medical Board of Ohio to enter upon its Journal an Order permanently revoking my certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, License #36.003747, in conjunction with which I expressly waive the provisions of Section 4731.22(B), Ohio Revised Code, requiring that six (6) Board Members vote to revoke said certificates. Additionally, I hereby authorize the State Medical Board of Ohio to enter upon its Journal an Order permanently revoking my permit to practice as a respiratory care professional, License #RCP.8977, in conjunction with which I expressly waive the provisions of Section 4761.09(A), Ohio Revised Code, requiring that six (6) Board Members vote to revoke said certificates. Further, I expressly and forever waive all rights as set forth in Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to my rights to counsel, to a hearing, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to appeal the Order of the Board revoking my certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery and my certificate to practice as a respiratory care professional.

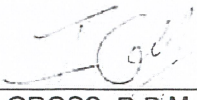
I, Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M, R.C.P., hereby release the Board, its members, employees, agents, officers and representatives jointly and severally from any and all liability arising from the within matter.

This document shall be considered a public record as that term is used in Section 149.43, Ohio Revised Code. Further, this information may be reported to appropriate organizations, data banks and governmental bodies. I, Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., R.C.P., acknowledge that my social security number will be used if this information is reported and I agree to provide my social security number to the Board for such purposes.

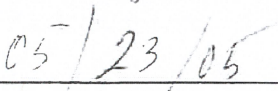
I stipulate and agree that I am taking the action described herein in lieu of further formal disciplinary proceedings in Case No. 25CRF-0050, pursuant to Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and Case No. 25CRF-0052, pursuant to Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, as set forth in the two Notices of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing issued by the Board on March 12, 2025, which are attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B, respectively, and fully incorporated herein. I hereby admit to the allegations contained in the attached Notices of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE

It is expressly understood that the Agreement is subject to ratification by the Board prior to signature by the Secretary and Supervising Member and shall become effective on the last date of signature below. Further, I specifically acknowledge that the electronic transmission of a scanned or photostatic copy of any executed signature to this Agreement, upon being received by the Board, shall be deemed to have the full legal force and effect as the original.



IRINA Y. GROSS, D.P.M., R.C.P.



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KIM G. ROTHERMEL, M.D.
Secretary



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John R. Irwin
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Attorney for Dr. Gross

5/28/25
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Supervising Member

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Assistant Attorney General

6-11-2025

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**NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION
AND
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

March 12, 2025

Case number: 25-CRF-0050

Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M.,
5017 Nob Hill Drive, #7
Chagrin Falls, OH 44022
4irinagross@gmail.com

Dear Doctor Gross:

The Secretary and the Supervising Member of the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] have determined that there is clear and convincing evidence that you have violated Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, and have further determined that your continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (3), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Harish Kakarala, M.D., Supervising Member, you are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your license or certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Board intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice podiatric medicine and surgery, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) It was reported to the Board that on or about November 28, 2024, you arrived at work displaying erratic behavior. Your employer required you to undergo testing, and the results of your BAC were 0.14 and 0.141. Upon receipt of this information, the Board referred you to the Ohio Professionals Health Program [OhioPHP].

- (2) In a report dated February 14, 2025, OhioPHP informed the Board that you submitted to a well-being screening [screening] through OhioPHP. Following the screening, you were determined to be impaired in your ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care as a podiatrist without treatment or monitoring due to a substance use disorder. Further, OhioPHP recommended that you refrain from practicing as a podiatrist. OhioPHP also requested that you sign an OhioPHP Non-Practice Agreement, and complete a comprehensive diagnostic evaluation at an OhioPHP approved provider to determine the appropriate level of care for your substance use disorder.

These recommendations were communicated to you via phone and email. By letter dated on or about January 28, 2025, OhioPHP requested that you sign and return your Non-Practice Agreement no later than January 29, 2025, and inform OhioPHP of your scheduled evaluation no later than February 10, 2025.

- (3) OhioPHP has reported to the Board that you failed to sign and return the Non-Practice Agreement. You also failed to inform them of your scheduled evaluation by the given deadline.

To date, the Board has not received information indicating that you have submitted to care, counseling or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the Board and/or that you have been determined to be capable of practicing in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) through (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code.

Further, Rule 4731-16-02(B)(1), Ohio Administrative Code, provides that if an examination discloses impairment, or if the Board has other reliable, substantial and probative evidence demonstrating impairment, the Board shall initiate proceedings to suspend the license, and may issue an order of summary suspension as provided in Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, provides that, if the Board determines that an individual’s ability to practice is impaired, the Board shall suspend the individual’s license or certificate and shall require the individual, as a condition for continued, reinstated, or renewed certification to practice, to submit to treatment and, before being eligible to apply for reinstatement, to demonstrate to the Board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care, including completing required treatment, providing evidence of compliance with an aftercare contract or written consent agreement, and providing written reports indicating that the individual’s ability to practice has been assessed by individuals or providers approved by the Board and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after September 29, 2015, the Board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to

Section 4731.225, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4731.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of service of this notice.


You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of service of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or certificate to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or certificate to practice, refuses to renew an individual's license or certificate to practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for issuance of a new license or certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO



Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary

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March 12, 2025

Case number: 25-CRF-0052

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Dear Dr. Gross:

The Secretary and the Supervising Member of the State Medical Board of Ohio [Board] have determined that there is clear and convincing evidence that you have violated Section 4761.09(A)(18), Ohio Revised Code, and have further determined that your continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public, as set forth in paragraphs (1) through (3), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4761.09(H), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Harish Kakarala, M.D., Supervising Member, you are hereby notified that, as set forth in the attached Entry of Order, your license or permit to practice as a respiratory care professional in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice as a respiratory care professional in Ohio.

Furthermore, in accordance with Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby notified that the Board intends to determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or permit, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or permit for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or permit to practice as a respiratory care professional, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

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To date, the Board has not received information indicating that you have submitted to care, counseling or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the Board and/or that you have been determined to be capable of practicing in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

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Rule 4731-16-01(A), Ohio Administrative Code, which is applicable to respiratory care professionals via Rule 4761-15-01(B), Ohio Administrative Code, provides that “[i]mpairment’ means impairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of habitual or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice. Impairment includes inability to practice in accordance with such standards, and inability to practice in accordance with such standards without appropriate treatment, monitoring or supervision.”

Further, Section 4761.09(G), Ohio Revised Code, and Rule 4731-16-02(B)(1), Ohio Administrative Code, the latter of which is applicable to respiratory care professionals via Rule 4761-15-01(B), Ohio Administrative Code, provide that if an examination discloses impairment, or if the Board has other reliable, substantial and probative evidence demonstrating impairment, the Board shall initiate proceedings to suspend the license, and may issue an order of summary suspension.

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evidence of compliance with an aftercare contract or written consent agreement, and providing written reports indicating that the individual's ability to practice has been assessed by individuals or providers approved by the Board and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after February 8, 2018 the Board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to Section 4761.091, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4761.09, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4761., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of service of this notice.

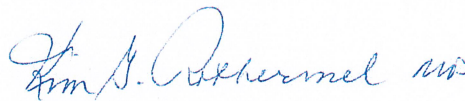
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In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of service of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or permit, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or permit for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or permit to practice, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4761.09(D), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or permit to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or permit, refuses to renew an individual's license or permit, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or permit, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or permit and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or permit or for issuance of a new license or permit."

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**State Medical
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March 12, 2025

Case number: 25-CRF-0050

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Dear Doctor Gross:

Enclosed please find certified copies of the Entry of Order, the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, and an excerpt of the Minutes of the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on March 12, 2025, including a Motion adopting the Order of Summary Suspension and issuing the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

You are advised that continued practice after receipt of this Order shall be considered practicing without a certificate, in violation of Section 4731.60, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing on the matters set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing. If you wish to request such hearing, that request must be made in writing and be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of service of this notice. Further information concerning such hearing is contained within the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing.

THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim G. Rothermel MD".

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary


KGR/MRB/jr
Enclosures

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the attached copies of the Entry of Order of the State Medical Board of Ohio and the Motion by the State Medical Board, meeting in regular session on March 12, 2025, to Adopt the Order of Summary Suspension and to Issue the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, constitute true and complete copies of the Motion and Order in the Matter of Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., Case number: 25-CRF- 0050 as they appear in the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio.

This certification is made under the authority of the State Medical Board of Ohio and in its behalf.





Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary

March 12, 2025
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BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF :
IRINA Y. GROSS, D.P.M. :
CASE NUMBER: 25-CRF-0050 :

ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 12th day of March 2025.

Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code, and upon recommendation of Kim G. Rothermel, M.D., Secretary, and Harish Kakarala, M.D., Supervising Member; and

Pursuant to their determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that there is clear and convincing evidence that Dr. Gross has violated Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, as alleged in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing that is enclosed herewith and fully incorporated herein; and,

Pursuant to their further determination, based upon their review of the information supporting the allegations as set forth in the Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, that Dr. Gross' continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public;


The following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 12th day of March 2025:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Irina Y. Gross, D.P.M., to practice podiatric medicine and surgery in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

It is hereby ORDERED that Dr. Gross, shall immediately cease the practice of podiatric medicine and surgery in Ohio and immediately refer all active patients to other appropriate physicians.

This Order shall become effective immediately.





Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary

March 12, 2025

Date



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- (3) OhioPHP has reported to the Board that you failed to sign and return the Non-Practice Agreement. You also failed to inform them of your scheduled evaluation by the given deadline.

To date, the Board has not received information indicating that you have submitted to care, counseling or treatment by physicians approved or designated by the Board and/or that you have been determined to be capable of practicing in accordance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraphs (1) through (3) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute “[i]mpairment of ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care because of substance use disorder or excessive use or abuse of drugs, alcohol, or other substances that impair ability to practice,” as that clause is used in Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code.

Further, Rule 4731-16-02(B)(1), Ohio Administrative Code, provides that if an examination discloses impairment, or if the Board has other reliable, substantial and probative evidence demonstrating impairment, the Board shall initiate proceedings to suspend the license, and may issue an order of summary suspension as provided in Section 4731.22(G), Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, Section 4731.22(B)(26), Ohio Revised Code, provides that, if the Board determines that an individual’s ability to practice is impaired, the Board shall suspend the individual’s license or certificate and shall require the individual, as a condition for continued, reinstated, or renewed certification to practice, to submit to treatment and, before being eligible to apply for reinstatement, to demonstrate to the Board the ability to resume practice in compliance with acceptable and prevailing standards of care, including completing required treatment, providing evidence of compliance with an aftercare contract or written consent agreement, and providing written reports indicating that the individual’s ability to practice has been assessed by individuals or providers approved by the Board and that the individual has been found capable of practicing according to acceptable and prevailing standards of care.

Furthermore, for any violations that occurred on or after September 29, 2015, the Board may impose a civil penalty in an amount that shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, pursuant to

Section 4731.225, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4731.22, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4731., Ohio Revised Code, you are hereby advised that you are entitled to a hearing concerning these matters. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the offices of the State Medical Board within thirty days of the time of service of this notice.

You are further advised that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, or by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before this agency, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and that at the hearing you may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for or against you.

In the event that there is no request for such hearing received within thirty days of the time of service of this notice, the State Medical Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of this matter, determine whether or not to limit, revoke, permanently revoke or suspend your license or certificate, or refuse to grant or register or issue the license or certificate for which you have a pending application in accordance with Section 9.79 of the Ohio Revised Code, or refuse to renew or reinstate your license or certificate to practice, or to reprimand you or place you on probation.

Please note that, whether or not you request a hearing, Section 4731.22(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue a license or certificate to practice to an applicant, revokes an individual's license or certificate to practice, refuses to renew an individual's license or certificate to practice, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license or certificate to practice, the board may specify that its action is permanent. An individual subject to a permanent action taken by the board is forever thereafter ineligible to hold a license or certificate to practice and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or certificate or for issuance of a new license or certificate."

Copies of the applicable sections are enclosed for your information.

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