



**State Medical
Board of Ohio**

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Nov. 13, 2024

Case number: 24-CRF-0209

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Dear Mr. Rich:

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 Nov. 13, 2024, 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 4730.02, 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, M.D." with a horizontal line underneath.

Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary

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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 November 13, 2024, 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 Zachary C. Rich, P.A. Case number: 24-CRF- 0209 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



11/13/24

Date

BEFORE THE STATE MEDICAL BOARD OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF

ZACHARY C. RICH, P.A.

CASE NUMBER: 24-CRF-0209

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ENTRY OF ORDER

This matter came on for consideration before the State Medical Board of Ohio the 13th day of November 2024.

Pursuant to Section 4730.25(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 Mr. Rich has violated Section 4730.25(B)(3), 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 Mr. Rich's continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public;

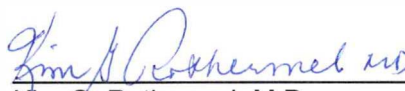
The following Order is hereby entered on the Journal of the State Medical Board of Ohio for the 13th day of November 2024:

It is hereby ORDERED that the certificate of Zachary C. Rich, P.A., to practice as a physician assistant in the State of Ohio be summarily suspended.

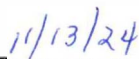
It is hereby ORDERED that Mr. Rich, shall immediately cease practicing as physician assistant in Ohio and immediately refer all active patients to other appropriate physicians.

This Order shall become effective immediately.





Kim G. Rothermel, M.D.
Secretary



Date



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

Nov. 13, 2024

Case number: 24-CRF-0209

Zachary C. Rich, P.A.
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Dear Mr. Rich:

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 4730.25(B)(3), 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 paragraph (1), below.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 4730.25(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 as a physician assistant in the State of Ohio is summarily suspended. Accordingly, at this time, you are no longer authorized to practice as a physician assistant 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 as a physician assistant, or to reprimand you or place you on probation for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) From Apr. 22, 2019 to Feb. 12, 2024, you treated Patient 1, a minor, as identified on the attached Patient Key. (Patient Key is confidential and to be withheld from public disclosure.) You treated and examined Patient 1 for a well-child appointment and for sick visits, ordered tests, and/or prescribed medication on or about Apr. 22, 2019, Mar. 28, 2023, May 22, 2023, Sept. 12, 2023, Sept. 27, 2023, and Feb. 12, 2024.
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- a. On or about Jan. 6, 2020 to on or about Apr. 30, 2022 you had sexual contact with Patient 1 when you touched Patient 1's buttocks under her pants but on top of her underwear for a purpose other than appropriate health care services.
- b. Furthermore, on or about Jan. 6, 2020 to on or about Apr. 30, 2022 during the same incident, you had additional sexual contact with Patient 1 when you touched Patient 1's vaginal area for a purpose other than an appropriate health care service.
- c. Additionally, on or about Jan. 6, 2020 to on or about Apr. 30, 2022 during the same incident, you had sexual interaction with Patient 1 when you pulled down her pants and underwear, spread her legs apart and "kissed her down there," engaging in oral to genital contact.

Your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4730.25(B)(3), Ohio Revised Code, to-wit Prohibitions, Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code, regarding sexual misconduct, as in effect from November 30, 2010 until September 30, 2021.

Additionally, your acts, conduct, and/or omissions as alleged in paragraph (1) above, individually and/or collectively, constitute "violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter, Chapter 4731. of the Revised Code, or the rules adopted by the board," as that clause is used in Section 4730.25(B)(3), Ohio Revised Code, to-wit Prohibitions, Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code, regarding sexual misconduct, as currently in effect.

Pursuant to Rule 4731-26-03, Ohio Administrative Code, as in effect from June 30, 2016 until September 30, 2021 and as currently in effect, a violation of Rule 4731-26-02, Ohio Administrative Code, also constitutes a violation of Section 4730.25(B)(19), Ohio Revised Code, "departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of care of similar physician assistants under the same or similar circumstances, regardless of whether actual injury to a patient is established."

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 4730.252, Ohio Revised Code. The civil penalty may be in addition to any other action the Board may take under section 4730.25, Ohio Revised Code.

Pursuant to Chapter 119., Ohio Revised Code, and Chapter 4730., 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 4730.25(L), Ohio Revised Code, provides that "[w]hen the board refuses to grant or issue to an applicant a license to practice as a physician assistant, revokes an individual's license,, refuses to renew an individual's license, or refuses to reinstate an individual's license, 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 the license or certificate and the board shall not accept an application for reinstatement of the license or for issuance of a new license."

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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BY PERSONAL DELIVERY

**IN THE MATTER OF
ZACHARY C. RICH, P.A.**

24-CRF-0209

**NOVEMBER 13, 2024, NOTICE OF
OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING -
PATIENT KEY**

**SEALED TO
PROTECT PATIENT
CONFIDENTIALITY**



EXCERPT FROM THE DRAFT MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024

**NOTICES OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING, ORDERS OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION,
ORDERS OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION, AND ORDERS OF AUTOMATIC
SUSPENSION**

**ZACHARY C. RICH, P.A. – NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY
FOR HEARING**

Dr. Johnson moved to approve and issue proposed Citation #11, a Notice of Summary and Opportunity for Hearing. Dr. Boyle seconded the motion. A vote was taken:

ROLL CALL:	Dr. Rothermel	- abstain
	Dr. Kakarala	- abstain
	Dr. Bechtel	- aye
	Dr. Soin	- aye
	Ms. Brumby	- aye
	Dr. Reddy	- aye
	Mr. Gonidakis	- aye
	Dr. Lewis	- aye
	Ms. Montgomery	- aye
	Dr. Johnson	- aye
	Dr. Boyle	- aye
	Dr. Feibel	- aye

The motion carried.