

ORDER OF SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 12-240-125(8)(a), C.R.S.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AS A PHYSICIAN IN
THE STATE OF COLORADO OF ZINIA SUE THOMAS, M.D., LICENSE NUMBER
DR.0065524,

Respondent.

TO: ZINIA SUE THOMAS, M.D.:

THIS MATTER was reviewed by Inquiry Panel B (“Panel”) of the Colorado Medical Board (“Board”) during a regularly scheduled meeting of the Panel on February 17, 2023. The Panel finds that after reviewing all available information in relation to the above-captioned case:

1. Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the state of Colorado on November 13, 2020 and was issued license number DR.0065524 to practice medicine in the state of Colorado.

2. On or about January 19, 2023, the Board reviewed all matters set forth in case number 2022-8356-B. Specifically, the Board reviewed a complaint and media report that you were illegally in possession of a large amount of marijuana and ecstasy pills and that you qualified patients medical marijuana cards in the State of Michigan by diagnosing them with certain conditions without seeing the patients in question.

3. On or about January 20, 2023, the Board issued an Order Pursuant to Section 12-240-125(8)(a), C.R.S. (“Order”) requiring Respondent to submit to a mental or physical examination by CPHP. The Order to CPHP, among other requirements, required Respondent:

- a. To contact CPHP no later than January 27, 2023;
- b. To execute, no later than January 27, 2023, all releases to allow unrestricted communication between CPHP and the Panel;
- c. To appear for all appointments with CPHP;
- d. To provide any information requested by CPHP;
- e. To schedule timely appointments as requested or recommended by CPHP;
- f. To otherwise cooperate fully with CPHP; and
- g. To continue to cooperate fully with CPHP and to comply with any and all requests or recommendations CPHP deems appropriate to facilitate any and all examinations necessary to determine if Respondent is unable to practice medicine with

reasonable skill and safety to patients because of a condition described in sections 12-240-121(1)(e) or (i), C.R.S., or section 12-30-108(1), C.R.S.

4. On February 17, 2023, the Panel reviewed communication from CPHP on January 30, 2023 that Respondent had failed to contact CPHP by January 27, 2023.

5. Pursuant to the Order to CPHP and Section 12-240-125(8)(a), C.R.S., Respondent's failure to comply with the requirements of the Order to CPHP is grounds for suspension. The Panel finds that Respondent has failed to comply with CPHP's requirement for evaluation and thus has failed to comply with the requirements of the Order to CPHP.

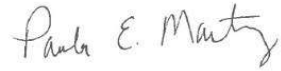
6. Pursuant to Section 12-240-125(8)(a), C.R.S., the Panel is authorized to suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Colorado until the required examinations are conducted and pending further disciplinary proceedings.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- A. Respondent's license to practice medicine in this state is hereby suspended in accordance with Section 12-240-125(8)(a), C.R.S., effective at 4:00 p.m., February 28, 2023; and
- B. The suspension shall remain in effect until such time as Respondent has met the recommendations made by CPHP, Respondent has come into compliance with CPHP's evaluation efforts, CPHP has provided adequate confirmation to the Panel of Respondent's full compliance with the Board's Order to CPHP and Respondent has received written notice from the Board that the suspension has been terminated. The suspension shall not be terminated until the Panel has reviewed, at the next regularly scheduled meeting after submission, a final evaluation and report issued by CPHP establishing that Respondent has complied with the Panel's Order and is safe to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

ORDERED this 28th day of February, 2023.

**FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD
INQUIRY PANEL B**



Paula E. Martinez
Program Director, Colorado Medical Board
Delegated authority to sign on behalf of
INQUIRY PANEL B, COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD