

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

IN RE:)
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JOHN M. GIRARD, M.D.) ORDER OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION
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AD No. 15-93)

On July 7, 2015, the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine (“the Board”) met and reviewed materials received regarding John M. Girard, license number MD 17281 (“Dr. Girard”). On the basis of its review of these materials, the Board concludes that the continued ability of Dr. Girard to practice as a physician in the State of Maine constitutes an immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of the public who might receive his medical services, and that it is necessary to immediately suspend his license in order to adequately respond to this risk.

This suspension is issued pursuant to 5 M.R.S. § 10004(3). Dr. Girard’s Maine medical license will be suspended effective immediately upon issuance of this Order for a thirty (30) day period ending on August 6, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

Specifically, the Board preliminarily finds for purposes of this Order and pursuant to the materials received and reviewed as follows:

1. On June 23, 2015, the Board received information that Dr. Girard was being hospitalized for mental health treatment.
2. On June 29, 2015, the Board received information from a licensed psychiatrist reporting that Dr. Girard was currently in a health care facility and impaired due to diagnosed mental health conditions. Without specifying the mental health conditions in this Order, the Board noted that the mental health conditions cited by the licensed psychiatrist were severe and would impair Dr. Girard’s ability to safely practice medicine. The licensed psychiatrist also reported a concern regarding Dr. Girard’s ability to safely practice medicine should he be discharged from the health care facility. The licensed psychiatrist further reported that Dr. Girard had made unspecified statements of inappropriate contact with patients of all ages, and that these statements may or may not be related to Dr. Girard’s mental health conditions.
3. On July 6, 2015, the Board staff received confirmation from a licensed psychiatrist that Dr. Girard has been involuntarily committed to the health care facility until August 7, 2015, but that he could be released prior to that time depending upon his condition.

For the purposes of this Order of Suspension, the Board preliminarily finds that the diagnosed mental health conditions reported by the licensed psychiatrist to the Board on June 29, 2015 regarding Dr. Girard constitute immediate jeopardy to the health and safety of persons and that delaying imposition of a suspension until holding a hearing would not adequately respond to this known risk.

The foregoing factual findings constitute grounds to summarily suspend Dr. Girard's license to practice as a physician in the State of Maine pursuant to 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2):

- A. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(C) a professional diagnosis of a mental or physical condition that has resulted or may result in the licensee performing services in a manner that endangers the health or safety of patients.
- B. 32 M.R.S. § 3282-A(2)(E)(1) by engaging in conduct that evidences a lack of ability or fitness to discharge the duty owed by the licensee to a client or patient or the general public.

ORDER OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION

The Board ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Dr. Girard's license is suspended effective immediately upon issuance of this Order on July 7, 2015, for a thirty (30) day period ending on August 6, 2015, at 11:59 p.m.
- 2. Dr. Girard may not practice medicine in the State of Maine during this suspension.
- 3. Dr. Girard must return his license and wallet card at once to the Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine, 137 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0137.

Dated: July 7, 2015



Maroulla S. Gleaton, MD, Chairperson