

## Dr. Narinda MAREE

## **Council Decision**

Date Charge(s) Laid:May 28, 2019Outcome Date:June 21, 2019Hearing:Not RequiredDisposition:Reprimand, Suspension,<br/>Prescribing Restrictions,<br/>Conditions, Costs.

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposes the following penalty on Dr. Narinda Maree pursuant to *The Medical Profession Act, 1981* (the "Act"):

- Pursuant to Section 54(1)(e) of the Act, the Council hereby reprimands Dr. Maree. The format of that reprimand will be determined by the Council. (If Council determines that the reprimand should be in-person, it can add – Dr. Maree is required to appear before the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Council to be present to have the reprimand administered in person).
- 2) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of the Act, the Council hereby suspends Dr. Maree for a period of four months, retroactive to February 12, 2019;
- 3) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(c) of the Act, the Council hereby prohibits Dr. Maree from prescribing any medication that is listed in the Prescription Review Program of the College. That prohibition will continue indefinitely unless the Registrar concludes that Dr. Maree should be permitted to prescribe some or all of the medications listed in the Prescription Review Program.
- 4) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(d) of the Act, the Council hereby requires Dr. Maree to practise only under the supervision of a duly qualified medical practitioner approved by the Registrar. This requirement for supervision will continue until the Registrar concludes that Dr. Maree is no longer required to practise under supervision;
- 5) The supervision required by paragraph 4) will include a requirement that the supervisor provide reports to the College, on such frequency as the Registrar may direct, related to the status of Dr. Maree's practice;
- 6) Pursuant to section 54(1)(f) of the Act, Dr. Maree is required to continue to receive treatment through the Physician Health Program of the Saskatchewan Medical Association, to follow treatment recommendations from that program and to only discontinue such treatment if she receives the approval of the Registrar to do so;

- 7) Pursuant to section 54(1)(i) of the Act, the Council directs Dr. Maree to pay the costs of and incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$1,290.00. Such payment shall be made in full by August 1, 2019.
- 8) Pursuant to section 54(2) of the Act, if Dr. Maree should fail to pay the costs as required by paragraph 7, Dr. Maree' licence shall be suspended until the costs are paid in full.
- 9) The Council reserves to itself the right to amend any of the terms of this penalty decision, upon application by Dr. Maree. Without limiting the authority of the Council, the Council may rescind in whole or in part the prohibition against prescribing medications listed in the Prescription Review Program as outlined in paragraph 3), may determine who is a duly qualified medical practitioner to provide the supervision required by paragraph 4), may direct that the supervision required by paragraph 4) is no longer required, may amend a decision of the Registrar related to supervision reports or Dr. Maree's participation in the Physician Health Program and may extend the time for Dr. Maree to pay the costs required by paragraph 7).



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REGISTRAR KAREN SHAW, M.D.

16 September, 2019

Dr. N. Maree



Dear Dr. Maree,

On the 21 June, 2019, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan accepted your admission of guilt to charges of unbecoming, improper, unprofessional or discreditable conduct. As a component of the penalty, a formal reprimand was ordered.

You, Dr. Narinda Maree, having been found guilty of professional misconduct while practicing medicine in the province of Saskatchewan are hereby reprimanded by the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.

The Council considered several factors of your misconduct. In 2014 you were charged, found guilty, and sanctioned for some of the same behaviors as you are being sanctioned for today. The Council is not happy to have to deal with repeated unethical behavior. Diverting Prescription Review Program medications for your own use can be dangerous to the public we serve, and to yourself. The Council is pleased with your commitment to work with the Physician Health Program to ensure that this behaviour does not happen yet again.

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To serve the public by regulating the practice of medicine and guiding the profession to achieve the highest standards of care The inappropriate prescribing and alteration of medical records are considered serious breaches of ethics by yourself. Of particular concern is that this behaviour does cause harm to the public we serve. This behaviour is unprofessional and dishonest and will not be tolerated by the Council. The Council has put in place restrictions, practice supervision and the loss of your ability to prescribe Prescription Review Program medications, in the hope that it will help you practice both ethically and professionally in the future. The Council would hope not to see you in front of it again.

Sincerely,

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan.