

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

Case No. MD-23-0314A

3 **KERI M. BENTLEY, M.D.**

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER  
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF  
LICENSE**

4 Holder of License No. 60767  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

6 **INTRODUCTION**

7 The above-captioned matter came for discussion before the Arizona Medical Board  
8 ("Board") at its May 15, 2023 meeting, where it had been placed on the agenda to consider  
9 possible summary action against Keri M. Bentley, M.D. ("Respondent"). Having  
10 considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the  
11 following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension  
12 of License, pending a formal hearing or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

13 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

14 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
15 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 60767 for the practice of  
17 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

18 3. The Board initiated case number MD-23-0314A after receiving a report that  
19 Respondent's Kentucky license had been summarily suspended.

20 4. On March 24, 2023, the Kentucky Board of Medical Licensure ("Kentucky  
21 Board") issued an Emergency Order of Suspension of Respondent's Kentucky medical  
22 license in case 2103. The Kentucky Board's order was based in part on Respondent's  
23 indictment on felony charges related to controlled substance prescribing in *USA v. Taylor,*  
24 *et. al.,* Case No. 6:21-CR-13-REW (United States District Court, Eastern District of  
25 Kentucky Southern Division).



1 involving conduct that may affect patient safety or a felony after receiving or renewing a  
2 license or certificate must notify the health professional's regulatory board in writing within  
3 ten working days after the charge is filed.”).

4 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct  
5 pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(p) (“Having action taken against a doctor of medicine by  
6 another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or physical inability  
7 to engage safely in the practice of medicine or the doctor's medical incompetence or for  
8 unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that corresponds directly or  
9 indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this paragraph. The action  
10 taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a license by that jurisdiction  
11 or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise limiting, restricting or  
12 monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on probation by that  
13 jurisdiction.”).

14 4. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public  
15 health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

16 **ORDER**

17 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth  
18 above,

19 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

20 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,  
21 License No. 60767, is summarily suspended. Respondent is prohibited from practicing  
22 medicine in the State of Arizona and is prohibited from prescribing any form of treatment  
23 including prescription medications or injections of any kind.

24 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice  
25 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against

1 Respondent. Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as  
2 expeditiously as possible after the issuance of this Order.

3 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office  
4 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced  
5 within sixty days from the date of the issuance of this Order, unless stipulated and agreed  
6 otherwise by Respondent. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

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8 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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10 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

11 By Pat E McSorley  
12 Patricia E. McSorley  
13 Executive Director

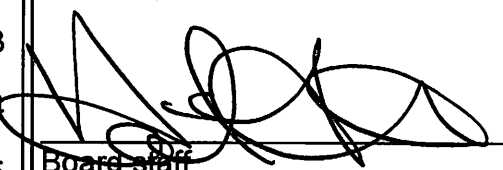
14 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
15 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 to:

16 Keri M. Bentley, M.D.  
17 Address of Record

18 Counsel  
19 Attorney for Respondent

20 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
21 this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023 with:

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