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According to the Massachusetts Controlled Substances Act, “every person who . . . dispenses . . . any controlled substance within the commonwealth shall . . . register with the commissioner of public health, in accordance with his regulations.” Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 94C, § 7(a) (Westlaw, current through Chapter 14 of the 2022 2nd Annual Session). Further, “[a] prescription for a controlled substance may be issued only by a practitioner who is (1) authorized to prescribe controlled substances; and (2) registered pursuant to the provisions of [the Massachusetts Controlled Substances Act].” *Id.* at § 18(a).

Here, the undisputed evidence in the record is that Respondent is not authorized to dispense controlled substances in schedules II through V in Massachusetts.⁵ Further, I agree with the ALJ that it is of no consequence that Respondent’s Massachusetts controlled

substances registration for drug schedules II through V was voluntarily surrendered rather than revoked or suspended. Thus, because Respondent is not authorized to prescribe controlled substances in schedules II through V in Massachusetts, Respondent is not eligible to maintain a DEA registration. Accordingly, I will order that Respondent’s DEA registration be revoked.

Order

Pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. 824(a), I hereby revoke DEA Certificate of Registration No. MR0956586 issued to Adam T. Rodman, P.A. Further, pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. 823(f), I hereby deny any pending application of Adam T. Rodman, P.A. to renew or modify this registration, as well as any other pending application of Adam T. Rodman, P.A. for additional registration in Massachusetts. This Order is effective May 11, 2022.

Anne Milgram,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. 22–12]

Lezlie McKenzie, N.P.; Decision and Order

On December 10, 2021, a former Acting Assistant Administrator, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration (hereinafter, DEA or Government), issued an Order to Show Cause (hereinafter, OSC) to Lezlie McKenzie, N.P. (hereinafter, Respondent) of Missoula, Montana. OSC, at 1. The OSC proposed the revocation of Respondent’s Certificate of Registration Number MM0938261 (hereinafter, registration or COR). *Id.* It alleged that Respondent “[is] currently without authority to handle controlled substances in Montana, the state in which [she is] registered with DEA.” *Id.* at 2 (citing 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3)).

Specifically, the OSC alleged that on July 26, 2021, the Montana Board of Nursing entered a Final Order that outlined “conditions [Respondent was] required to meet in order to maintain [her] Montana nursing license.” *Id.* The OSC further alleged that on October 26, 2021, the Montana Board of Nursing “indefinitely suspended [Respondent’s]

Montana nursing licenses for failure to abide by the terms” of the July 26, 2021 Order. *Id.*

The OSC notified Respondent of the right to request a hearing on the allegations or to submit a written statement, while waiving the right to a hearing, the procedures for electing each option, and the consequences for failing to elect either option. *Id.* (citing 21 CFR 1301.43). The OSC also notified Respondent of the opportunity to submit a corrective action plan. *Id.* at 3 (citing 21 U.S.C. 824(c)(2)(C)).

By letter dated January 6, 2022, Respondent timely requested a hearing.¹ Request for Hearing, at 1. In her Request for Hearing, Respondent stated that she “wish[es] to not relinquish any rights in regards to this matter and intend[s] to comply fully with any regulations of the DEA.” *Id.*

The Office of Administrative Law Judges put the matter on the docket and assigned it to Chief Administrative Law Judge John J. Mulrooney II (hereinafter, the Chief ALJ). On January 10, 2022, the Chief ALJ issued an Order Directing the Filing of Government Evidence Regarding Its Lack of State Authority Allegation and Briefing Schedule (hereinafter, Briefing Schedule). On January 24, 2022, the Government timely filed its Submission of Evidence and Motion for Summary Disposition (hereinafter, Government’s Motion). In its Motion, the Government argued that because Respondent lacks authority to handle controlled substances in Montana, the state in which she is registered with the DEA, her DEA registration should be revoked. Government’s Motion, at 2–5.

Respondent did not file any answer to the Government’s Motion. Order Granting the Government’s Motion for Summary Disposition, and Recommended Rulings, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Decision of the Administrative Law Judge dated February 8, 2022 (hereinafter, Recommended Decision or RD), at 2.

On February 8, 2022, the Chief ALJ granted the Government’s Motion, finding that “[s]ince the Respondent does not have authority as a practitioner in Montana, and this fact is not challenged by the Respondent, there is no other fact of consequence for this tribunal to decide in order to determine whether or not she is entitled to hold a COR.” RD, at 5. Accordingly, the Chief

⁵ As previously discussed, Respondent is only authorized to dispense controlled substances in schedule VI in Massachusetts. *See supra.* According to the Massachusetts Controlled Substances Act, schedules I through V incorporate the five schedules of controlled substances under the CSA, with schedule VI consisting of “all prescription drugs not included in the first five schedules.” Mass. Gen. Laws ch. 94C, § 2(a) (Westlaw, current through Chapter 14 of the 2022 2nd Annual Session). As such, Respondent does not have state authority to dispense CSA controlled substances in Massachusetts.

¹ The Request for Hearing was filed on January 6, 2022. Order Directing the Filing of Government Evidence Regarding Its Lack of State Authority Allegation and Briefing Schedule dated January 10, 2022, at 1. I find that the Government’s service of the OSC was adequate and that the Request for Hearing was timely filed on January 6, 2022.

ALJ recommended that Respondent's DEA registration be revoked based on Respondent's lack of state authority to handle controlled substances. *Id.* By letter dated March 7, 2022, the Chief ALJ certified and transmitted the record to me for final Agency action and advised that neither party filed exceptions.

I issue this Decision and Order based on the entire record before me. 21 CFR 1301.43(e). I make the following findings of fact.

Findings of Fact

Respondent's DEA Registration

Respondent is the holder of DEA registration MM0938261 at the registered address of 715A Skyla Ct., Missoula, Montana 59801-1480. Government's Motion, Exhibit (hereinafter, GX) D (Declaration of [Diversion Investigator (DI)]), at 1. Pursuant to this DEA registration, Respondent is authorized to prescribe controlled substances in schedules II through V as a mid-level practitioner. GX A (Printout of Respondent's registration information from DEA's Registrant Information Consolidated System). Respondent's registration expires on January 31, 2024. *Id.*

The Status of Respondent's State License

On July 26, 2021, the Montana Board of Nursing (hereinafter, MBN) entered a Final Order regarding Respondent's nursing licenses (hereinafter, MBN Order or Order). GX B. The Order stated that Respondent held licenses in Montana as a registered nurse (hereinafter, RN) and an advanced practice RN (hereinafter, APRN), and that Respondent possessed prescriptive authority under her APRN license. *Id.* at 2. The Order further stated that Respondent had engaged in unprofessional conduct under Montana law, and provided conditions that Respondent was required to meet in order to maintain her state prescribing privileges. *Id.*

According to the DI's declaration, DEA learned on October 26, 2021, that the MBN had indefinitely suspended Respondent's state nursing licenses "for failure to abide by the terms" of the conditions set forth in the July 26, 2021 MBN Order. GX D, at 2. DI represented that Respondent's license remained suspended as of January 13, 2022, and submitted a printout of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry's online licensing verification page confirming the suspension of Respondent's APRN license. *Id.* at 3; GX C

According to online records for Montana, of which I take official notice, Respondent's Montana APRN license is suspended and expired.² Montana Department of Labor and Industry, https://ebizws.mt.gov/PUBLICPORTAL/searchform?mylist=licenses&pk_vid=d831a8116efb756d16474448085e834e (last visited date of signature of this Order). Accordingly, I find that Respondent is not currently licensed to dispense controlled substances in schedules II through V in Montana, the state in which she is registered with the DEA.

Discussion

Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. 824(a)(3), the Attorney General is authorized to suspend or revoke a registration issued under section 823 of the Controlled Substances Act (hereinafter, CSA) "upon a finding that the registrant . . . has had his State license or registration suspended, revoked, or denied by competent State authority and is no longer authorized by State law to engage in the . . . dispensing of controlled substances." With respect to a practitioner, the DEA has also long held that the possession of authority to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the state in which a practitioner engages in professional practice is a fundamental condition for obtaining and maintaining a practitioner's registration. *See, e.g., James L. Hooper, M.D.*, 76 FR 71371 (2011), *pet. for rev. denied*, 481 F. App'x 826 (4th Cir. 2012); *Frederick Marsh Blanton, M.D.*, 43 FR 27616, 27617 (1978).

This rule derives from the text of two provisions of the CSA. First, Congress defined the term "practitioner" to mean "a physician . . . or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted, by . . . the jurisdiction in which he practices . . . , to distribute, dispense, . . . [or] administer . . . a controlled substance in the course of professional practice." 21 U.S.C.

² Under the Administrative Procedure Act, an agency "may take official notice of facts at any stage in a proceeding—even in the final decision." United States Department of Justice, Attorney General's Manual on the Administrative Procedure Act 80 (1947) (Wm. W. Gaunt & Sons, Inc., Reprint 1979). Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 556(e), "[w]hen an agency decision rests on official notice of a material fact not appearing in the evidence in the record, a party is entitled, on timely request, to an opportunity to show the contrary." Accordingly, Respondent may dispute my finding by filing a properly supported motion for reconsideration of findings of fact within fifteen calendar days of the date of this Order. Any such motion and response shall be filed and served by email to the other party and to Office of the Administrator, Drug Enforcement Administration at dea.addo.attorneys@dea.usdoj.gov.

802(21). Second, in setting the requirements for obtaining a practitioner's registration, Congress directed that "[t]he Attorney General shall register practitioners . . . if the applicant is authorized to dispense . . . controlled substances under the laws of the State in which he practices." 21 U.S.C. 823(f). Because Congress has clearly mandated that a practitioner possess state authority in order to be deemed a practitioner under the CSA, the DEA has held repeatedly that revocation of a practitioner's registration is the appropriate sanction whenever he is no longer authorized to dispense controlled substances under the laws of the state in which he practices. *See, e.g., James L. Hooper*, 76 FR at 71371-72; *Sheran Arden Yeates, M.D.*, 71 FR 39130, 39131 (2006); *Dominick A. Ricci, M.D.*, 58 FR 51104, 51105 (1993); *Bobby Watts, M.D.*, 53 FR 11919, 11920 (1988); *Frederick Marsh Blanton*, 43 FR at 27617.

According to the Montana Administrative Code, "[o]nly an APRN granted prescriptive authority by the board may prescribe, procure, administer, and dispense . . . controlled substances pursuant to applicable state and federal laws and within the APRN's role and population focus." Mont. Admin. R. 24.159.1461 (2013) (Westlaw, current through Issue 4 of the 2022 Montana Administrative Register). Further, according to the Montana Controlled Substances Act, "dangerous drug[s]"³ in schedules II through IV may only be dispensed with a "prescription by a practitioner."⁴ Mont. Code Ann. § 50-32-208 (West 2015) (Westlaw, current through the 2021 session of the Montana Legislature). A "practitioner" is defined as a "physician, dentist, veterinarian, scientific investigator, or other person licensed, registered, or otherwise permitted to distribute, dispense, or conduct research with respect to or to administer a dangerous drug in the course of professional practice or research in this state." Mont. Code Ann. § 50-32-101(24)(a) (West 2013) (Westlaw, current through the 2021 session of the Montana Legislature).

Here, the undisputed evidence in the record is that Respondent is not authorized to dispense controlled substances in schedules II through V in Montana. Thus, because Respondent is

³ The state's criteria for labeling drugs as "dangerous drugs" are similar to the CSA's criteria for labeling drugs as controlled substances. *See generally id.* at § 50-32-201 through § 50-32-233.

⁴ "[A] dangerous drug included in Schedule V may not be distributed or dispensed other than for a medical purpose." Mont. Code Ann. § 50-32-208(3) (West 2015).

not authorized to prescribe controlled substances in schedules II through V in Montana, Respondent is not eligible to maintain a DEA registration. Accordingly, I will order that Respondent's DEA registration be revoked.

Order

Pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. 824(a), I hereby revoke DEA Certificate of Registration No. MM0938261 issued to Lezlie McKenzie, N.P. Further, pursuant to 28 CFR 0.100(b) and the authority vested in me by 21 U.S.C. 823(f), I hereby deny any pending application of Lezlie McKenzie, N.P., to renew or modify this registration, as well as any other pending application of Lezlie McKenzie, N.P., for additional registration in Montana. This Order is effective May 11, 2022.

Anne Milgram,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; International Training Application

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that the agency receives on or before May 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used

in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency's estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mara Blumenthal by telephone at 202-693-8538, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The BLS is given broad authority under Title 29 of the U.S. Code "to acquire and diffuse among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with labor, in the most general and comprehensive sense of that word." The BLS has provided international training in labor market information and price indexes since 1945. Each year, the BLS conducts training programs of 1 to 2 weeks duration at its training facilities in Washington, DC. This information collection request allows the BLS to collect the information needed to register trainees for the international training programs. For additional substantive information about this ICR, see the related notice published in the *Federal Register* on January 21, 2022 (87 FR 3355).

This information collection is subject to the PRA. A Federal agency generally cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information, and the public is generally not required to respond to an information collection, unless the OMB approves it and displays a currently valid OMB Control Number. In addition, notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person shall generally be subject to penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information that does not display a valid OMB Control Number. See 5 CFR 1320.5(a) and 1320.6.

DOL seeks PRA authorization for this information collection for three (3) years. OMB authorization for an ICR cannot be for more than three (3) years without renewal. The DOL notes that information collection requirements submitted to the OMB for existing ICRs receive a month-to-month extension while they undergo review.

Agency: DOL-BLS.
Title of Collection: International Training Application.

OMB Control Number: 1220-0179.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Total Estimated Number of Responses: 100.

Total Estimated Annual Time Burden: 34 hours.

Total Estimated Annual Other Costs Burden: \$0.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3507(a)(1)(D))

Dated: April 4, 2022.

Mara Blumenthal,
Senior PRA Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petition for Modification of Application of Existing Mandatory Safety Standards

AGENCY: Mine Safety and Health Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a summary of a petition for modification submitted to the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) by the party listed below.

DATES: All comments on the petition must be received by MSHA's Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances on or before May 11, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket No. MSHA-2022-0018 by any of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*
<https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments for MSHA-2022-0018.

2. *Fax:* 202-693-9441.

3. *Email:* petitioncomments@dol.gov.

4. *Regular Mail or Hand Delivery:*
MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, 201 12th Street South, Suite 4E401, Arlington, Virginia 22202-5452.

Attention: S. Aromie Noe, Acting Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances. Persons delivering documents are required to check in at the receptionist's desk in Suite 4E401. Individuals may inspect copies of the petition and comments during normal business hours at the address listed above. Before visiting MSHA in person, call 202-693-9455 to make an appointment, in keeping with the Department of Labor's COVID-19 policy. Special health precautions may be required.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Aromie Noe, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances at 202-693-9440 (voice), Petitionsformodification@dol.gov (email), or 202-693-9441 (fax). [These are not toll-free numbers.]