

Dr. Laura TANYI-REMARCK

Council Deci	ision
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Date Charge(s) Laid:	March 20, 2021
Outcome Date:	January 29, 2022
Decision Amended:	January 27, 2023
Hearing:	Completed
Disposition:	Reprimand, Suspension,

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons imposes the following penalty on Dr. Laura Tanyi-Remarck pursuant to The Medical Profession Act, 1981:

- 1) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of The Medical Profession Act, 1981, the Council hereby reprimands Dr. Tanyi-Remarck. The format of that reprimand will be in written format.
- 2) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(b) of the Act, the Council hereby suspends Dr. Tanyi-Remarck for a period of 2 months, such suspension to commence on February 14, 2022.
- 3) Pursuant to Section 54(1)(g) of the Act, the Council requires that Dr. Tanyi-Remarck successfully complete a course on ethics/professionalism acceptable to the Registrar, and provide proof of completion. Such course shall be completed at the first available date, but in any case within six months. The programs "Medical Ethics, Boundaries and Professionalism" by Case Western Reserve University and "Medical Ethics and Professionalism (ME-15 Extended)" by PBI Education are ethics programs acceptable to the Registrar.
- 4) Pursuant to section 54(1)(i) of the Act, the Council directs Dr. Tanyi-Remarck to pay the costs of and incidental to the investigation and hearing in the amount of \$ \$30,693.06. The costs shall be payable in monthly installments in the amount of \$3000.00 due on the first of each month beginning February 3, 2023 and continuing until the costs are paid in full.
- 5) Pursuant to section 54(2) of the Act, if Dr. Tanyi-Remarck should fail to pay the costs as required by paragraph 4 or misses a monthly installment, Dr. Tanyi-Remarck's licence shall be suspended until the costs are paid in full.
- 6) Council reserves to itself the right to reconsider and amend the time within which payment of costs must be made set out in paragraph 5 and the right to reconsider and amend the requirements of the retraining or education set out in paragraphs 3 and 4. Such reconsideration shall only be done if requested by Dr. Tanyi-Remarck.



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REGISTRAR KAREN SHAW, M.D.

 $21 \ \mathrm{March}, \ 2022$

Dr. L. Tanyi-Remarck



Dr. Tanyi-Remarck:

On Saturday, January 29th, 2022, the Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan accepted your admission of guilt to charges of unprofessional conduct. These charges relate to you having exercised insufficient oversight, in ensuring that billings submitted on your behalf for urinalyses, were appropriately billed to the Medical Services Branch.

The Council of the College of Physician and Surgeons has imposed penalties pursuant to **The Medical Professional Act, 1981**. These penalties include a fine, a requirement to take an ethics course, payment of costs and a written reprimand.

You, Dr. L. Tanyi-Remarck, 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.

In Saskatchewan's publicly funded health system, it is imperative that physician billings accurately reflect the services administered. We must ensure that we steward these public resources, to ensure a sustainable system. By failing to ensure that these urinalyses were properly billed, you diverted funds that could be appropriately used elsewhere.

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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 Council considered the mitigating factors put forward by your counsel and acknowledged that this was an isolated incident in your otherwise good record. We also understood that you did not personally profit from your billings for these services, due to an ongoing legal dispute. Additionally, Council acknowledged the sincere, in-person apology that you delivered at your penalty hearing.

It is the hope of Council that you reflect upon your lapse in ethics, and strive to maintain the high professional and ethical standards that we expect.

The Council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan