## **BEFORE THE** MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS** STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Ana Rebecca Reyna, M.D.

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 51558

Respondent.

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California,

**DECISION** 

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 19,

IT IS SO ORDERED December 21, 2023.

Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

JENNA JONES FOR

Case No. 800-2021-076688

**Executive Director** 

2024.

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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2021-076688	
12	ANA REBECCA REYNA, M.D.	Case 110, 800-2021-070088	
13	P.O. Box 2538	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF	
14	Tehachapi, CA 93581-2538	LICENSE AND ORDER	
15	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 51558		
16	Respondent.		
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19	entitled proceedings that the following matters are		
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23	California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this		
24	matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Trina L. Saunders, Deputy		
25	Attorney General.	out) is warmagented in this was and in a law attack.	
26	2. Ana Rebecca Reyna, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney		
27	Dennis Thelen, whose address is 5001 E. Commercenter Drive, Suite 300 Bakersfield, California		
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3. On October 31, 1983, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 51558 to Ana Rebecca Reyna, M.D. (Respondent). That license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2021-076688 and will expire on October 31, 2023, unless renewed.

### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 800-2021-076688 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on June 23, 2023. Respondent timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2021-076688 is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

## **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-076688. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-076688, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

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- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up her right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

### **CONTINGENCY**

- 11. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

## <u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 51558, issued to Respondent Ana Rebecca Reyna, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline

against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.

- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board her pocket license and, if one was issued, her wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-076688 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the amount of \$12,111.25, prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.
- 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 800-2021-076688 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

#### **ACCEPTANCE**

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

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DATED:		
<del></del>	ANA REBECCA REYNA, M.D.	
	Respondent	

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Respondent

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1	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Ana Rebecca Reyna, M.D. the terms and	
2	conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I	
3	approve its form and content.	
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5	DATED:	
6	DENNIS THELEN Attorney for Respondent	
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9	ENDORSEMENT	
10	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted	
11	for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.	
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13	DATED: Respectfully submitted,	
14	ROB BONTA Attorney General of California	
15	ROBERT MCKIM BELL Supervising Deputy Attorney General	
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5	DATED: August 15, 2023		
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## Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2021-076688

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16	Respondent.		
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19	PAR	<u>ries</u>	
20	Reji Verghese (Complainant) brings t	his Accusation solely in his official capacity as	
21	the Interim Executive Director of the Medical Bo	ard of California, Department of Consumer	
22	Affairs (Board).		
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#### JURISDICTION

- This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following 3. laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
  - Section 2227 of the Code states: 4.
  - (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
    - (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
  - (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
  - (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
  - (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
  - (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
  - (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.
  - Section 2234 of the Code, states: 5.

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
  - (b) Gross negligence.
- (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.
  - (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically

appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

- (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.
  - (d) Incompetence.
- (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
  - (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.
- (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.
- 6. Section 2266 of the Code states: The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct.

### COST RECOVERY

7. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Gross Negligence - Failure to Wear a Mask & Misleading Statements)

- 8. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234 (b) of the Code, in that she failed to wear a mask during a patient visit and she provided medical advice to Patient A that advanced below standard of care treatment. The circumstances are as follows:
- 9. On April 2, 2021, Patient A presented for a clinic visit with Respondent with complaints of inflammation of several of his toes. Patient A wore a KN-95 mask during his visit

with Respondent. However, Respondent did not wear a mask. Patient A and Respondent discussed the patient's work environment and potential causes of the inflammation.

- 10. Patient A shared that he had been working from home because his girlfriend had the flu, and his job required a two-week quarantine before returning to the office if exposed to someone with COVID-19 like symptoms. This was met with a lengthy rant by Respondent regarding COVID-19. Respondent advised Patient A against being vaccinated. According to Patient A, Respondent, represented that the three available vaccines contained fetal tissue, would alter his DNA irreparably, and were linked to a significant increase in miscarriages. Respondent advised that they were not true vaccines, but gene therapy. Respondent further indicated that the Respondent referred to a medical podcast for the source of some of her advice. In addition, she expressed a belief that any information representing that COVID was worse than a common flu was politically motivated, with an intent to negatively impact the then current administration. Respondent also indicated that masks do not stop COVID.
- 11. Respondent told Patient A that when dealing with patients who exhibited COVID symptoms she directed them to purchase veterinary Ivermectin<sup>1</sup>, intended for horses.
- 12. At the end of the visit, Respondent told Patient A that his girlfriend should avoid the COVID vaccines, if she wants to get pregnant. Respondent told Patient A that the vaccines were responsible for 366% increase in miscarriages. Respondent read this information in a European paper. Respondent is not a treating physician of Patient A's girlfriend, and had not been provided with her medical history, or information related to whether the couple had an interest in having children.
- 13. On September 30, 2022, during her Medical Board investigatory interview, Respondent indicated that during the visit with Patient A, she was speaking to him "off the record." Respondent referred to it as a friendly conversation.

Ivermectin is an anti-parasitic medication used in people and animals. Ivermectin is approved for use in people, but only for specific parasitic diseases, not COVID. In addition, Ivermectin intended to veterinary use – as recommended by this doctor -- contains much larger concentrations of the active ingredient, and also ingredients that have not been approved for use in humans.

- 14. At the time of Patient A's visit, wearing a mask at all time in the presence of patients was standard medical practice, as well as required by a public health mandate.
- 15. Respondent's failure to wear a face mask during Patient A's visit constitutes an extreme departure from the standard of care.
- 16. Respondent made the following misleading statements and/or provided the following advice to Patient A, without telling Patient A that she was advising actions/inactions that fell below the standard of care in the community:
  - a. Masks do not stop viruses;
  - b. COVID-19 vaccines are not true vaccines. They are gene therapy and they work on genes;
  - c. The vaccines are produced with aborted fetal cells; and
  - d. Encouraging the use of veterinary Ivermectin;

Whether singly or in combination with one another, by making one or more of the statements set forth, Respondent committed an extreme departure from the standard of care by providing advice about COVID-19 that was not accurate, and did not clearly relay to Patient A that the advice did not comport with the standard of care in the community.

## SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

### (Repeated Negligent Acts)

- 17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2234, subdivision (c) of the Code, in that Respondent committed repeated negligent acts in connection with his provision of medical services to Patient A. The circumstances are as follows:
- 18. The allegations of the First Cause for Discipline are incorporated herein by reference. as if fully set forth, and represent repeated negligent acts.
- 19. Respondent further departed from the standard of care by purporting to have an "off the record" or "friendly" conversation with Patient A during the clinic visit. All interactions that occur between a doctor and a patient, particularly during a clinic visit, must be conducted professionally. There may be no limitation to what topics can be discussed between doctor and patient, but the discussion must remain professional.