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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No.: 800-2021-079081	
Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D.		
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508		
Respondent.		
DECIS	BION	
The attached Stipulated Settlement adopted as the Decision and Order of the of Consumer Affairs, State of California. This Decision shall become effective	Medical Board of California, Departmen	
IT IS SO ORDERED: JUN 0 6 2024		
MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA		
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Randy W. Hawki Panel A	ns, M.D., Vice Chair	

1 **ROB BONTA** Attorney General of California 2 ALEXANDRA M. ALVAREZ Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 KAROLYN M. WESTFALL Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 234540 600 West Broadway, Suite 1800 5 San Diego, CA 92101 P.O. Box 85266 6 San Diego, CA 92186-5266 Telephone: (619) 738-9465 7 Facsimile: (619) 645-2061 8 Attorneys for Complainant 9 BEFORE THE 10 MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 11 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 12 13 Case No. 800-2021-079081 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: 14 ALLEN ALI JAHROUMI, M.D. OAH No. 2023120178 2506 Costero Magestuoso 15 San Clemente, CA 92673-6424 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER 16 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508, 17 Respondent. 18 19 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-20 21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: 22 **PARTIES** Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of 23 1. California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this 24 25 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Karolyn M. Westfall, 26 Deputy Attorney General. 27 /// 28 1

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER (800-2021-079081)

- 2. Respondent Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney Steven L. Simas, Esq., whose address is: 7355 Morro Road, Suite 101, Atascadero, CA 93422.
- 3. On or about September 23, 2011, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081, and will expire on April 30, 2025, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 800-2021-079081 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 October 31, 2023. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2021-079081 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his 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 him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his 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.
- 8. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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CULPABILITY

- 9. Respondent admits that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081, and agrees that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to disciplinary action.
- 10. Respondent agrees that if an accusation is ever filed against him before the Medical Board of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081 shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by Respondent for purposes of that proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.
- 11. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his 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 Settlement 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.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D., holder of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508, shall be and hereby is Publicly Reprimanded pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 2227. This Public Reprimand, which is issued in connection with the allegations as set forth in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081, is as follows:

Between July 2020 and June 2021, you repeatedly prescribed non-controlled medications to a person with whom you were involved in an intimate relationship, without obtaining or documenting a prior physical exam or medical indication for the medication, as more fully described in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081.

1. <u>MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE</u>. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course provider with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The medical record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

2. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.

Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

3. <u>PROFESSIONAL BOUNDARIES PROGRAM</u>. Within 60 calendar days from the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professional boundaries program approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent, at the program's discretion, shall undergo and complete the program's assessment of Respondent's competency, mental health and/or neuropsychological performance, and at minimum, a 24 hour program of interactive education and training in the area of boundaries, which takes into account data obtained from the assessment and from the Decision(s), Accusation(s) and any other information that the Board or

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its designee deems relevant. The program shall evaluate Respondent at the end of the training and the program shall provide any data from the assessment and training as well as the results of the evaluation to the Board or its designee.

Failure to complete the entire program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment shall constitute a violation of probation unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to a later time for completion. Based on Respondent's performance in and evaluations from the assessment, education, and training, the program shall advise the Board or its designee of its recommendation(s) for additional education, training, psychotherapy and other measures necessary to ensure that Respondent can practice medicine safely. Respondent shall comply with program recommendations. At the completion of the program, Respondent shall submit to a final evaluation. The program shall provide the results of the evaluation to the Board or its designee. The professional boundaries program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

The program has the authority to determine whether or not Respondent successfully completed the program.

A professional boundaries course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

If Respondent fails to complete the program within the designated time period, Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee that Respondent failed to complete the program.

4. <u>INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY</u>. Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, in the amount of \$15,399.50 (fifteen thousand three hundred ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California.

DATED:

4/10/2024

Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the Board.

The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve Respondent of the responsibility to repay investigation and enforcement costs.

- 5. <u>FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE</u>. 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 action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2021-079081 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 license.
- 6. <u>FAILURE TO COMPLY</u>. Any failure by Respondent to comply with terms and conditions of the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order set forth above shall constitute unprofessional conduct and grounds for further disciplinary action.

ACCEPTANCE

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

DATED: 4/9/2024

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Respondent

I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D., the terms and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form and content.

STEVEN L. SIMAS, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

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1	ENDORSEMENT	
2	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully	
3	submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.	
4	4/10/24 Pagnostfully submitted	
5	DATED: Respectfully submitted, ROB BONTA	
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2021-079081

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17	Respondent.	·	
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20	<u>PARTIES</u>		
21	1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as		
22	the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs		
23	(Board).		
24	2. On or about September 23, 2011, the Medical Board issued Physician's and		
25	Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's		
26	and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought		
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3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4. Section 2227 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

(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.

5. Section 2234 of the Code, states, in pertinent part:

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.
- 6. Unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 2234 is conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct which is unbecoming a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an

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- 9. Business and Professions Code section 125,3 states that:
- (a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the administrative law judge may 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.
- (b) In the case of a disciplined licentiate that is a corporation or a partnership, the order may be made against the licensed corporate entity or licensed partnership.
- (c) A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General.
- (d) The administrative law judge shall make a proposed finding of the amount of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case when requested pursuant to subdivision (a). The finding of the administrative law judge with regard to costs shall not be reviewable by the board to increase the cost award. The board may reduce or eliminate the cost award, or remand to the administrative law judge if the proposed decision fails to make a finding on costs requested pursuant to subdivision (a).
- (e) If an order for recovery of costs is made and timely payment is not made as directed in the board's decision, the board may enforce the order for repayment in any appropriate court. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee to pay costs.
- (f) In any action for recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.
- (g)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), the board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any licensee who has failed to pay all of the costs ordered under this section.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the board may, in its discretion, conditionally renew or reinstate for a maximum of one year the license of any licensee who demonstrates financial hardship and who enters into a formal agreement with the board to reimburse the board within that one-year period for the unpaid costs,
- (h) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the fund of the board recovering the costs to be available upon appropriation by the Legislature.
- (i) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from including the recovery of the costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in any stipulated settlement.

(j) This section does not apply to any board if a specific statutory provision in that board's licensing act provides for recovery of costs in an administrative disciplinary proceeding.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

- 10. Respondent has subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2234, subdivision (b), of the Code, in that he was grossly negligent in his care and treatment of Patient A,¹ as more particularly alleged hereinafter:
- 11. In or around 2013, Respondent began working as a physician for Optum Care,² a health care delivery organization with multiple clinics in Southern California.
- 12. Between in or around January 2018, and in or around March 2021, Patient A worked with Respondent as a medical assistant at Optum Care.
- 13. In or around 2019, Patient A was diagnosed with post-partum depression and was prescribed bupropion³ by her obstetrician gynecologist.
- 14. On or about March 10, 2020, Respondent ordered a CT of Patient A's abdomen and pelvis for abdominal pain. Respondent did not perform or document a prior exam or indication for the CT referral at any time.
- 15. Between in or around July 2020, and in or around June 2021, Respondent engaged in a consensual sexual relationship with Patient A.
- 16. On or about July 22, 2020, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.

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¹ To protect the privacy of the patient involved, the patient's name has not been included in this pleading. Respondent is aware of the identity of the patient referred to herein.

² Between 2013 to the present, the company has had various name changes. Optum Care is the current name of this company.

³ Bupropion (brand name Wellbutrin) is an antidepressant medication, and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.

- 17. On or about July 31, 2020, Respondent prescribed Patient A 20 tabs of ondansetron⁴ 4 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 18. On or about September 23, 2020, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 19. On or about November 1, 2020, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 20. On or about November 28, 2020, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 21. On or about January 21, 2021, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 22. On or about February 13, 2021, Respondent prescribed Patient A 90 tabs of bupropion 150 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 23. On or about June 8, 2021, Respondent prescribed Patient A 30 tabs of fluoxetine⁵ 30 mg. Respondent did not obtain or document a history, physical exam, or indication for this medication at any time.
- 24. Respondent committed gross negligence in his care and treatment of Patient A by repeatedly prescribing antidepressant medication to a person with whom he was involved in an intimate relationship, without obtaining or documenting a prior physical exam or medical indication for the medication.

⁴ Ondansetron (brand name Zofran) is an anti-nausea medication, and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.

⁵ Fluoxetine (brand name Prozac) is an antidepressant medication, and a dangerous drug pursuant to section 4022 of the Code.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Prescribing Without Prior Examination and Medical Indication)

25. Respondent has further subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2242, subdivision (a), of the Code, in that Respondent prescribed dangerous drugs to Patient A without an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 10 through 24, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Failure to Maintain Adequate and Accurate Records)

26. Respondent has further subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to disciplinary action under sections 2227 and 2234, as defined by section 2266, of the Code, in that Respondent failed to maintain adequate and accurate records regarding his care and treatment of Patient A, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 10 through 24, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and realleged as if fully set forth herein.

FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(General Unprofessional Conduct)

27. Respondent has further subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508 to disciplinary action under sections 2234 of the Code, in that he has engaged in conduct which breaches the rules or ethical code of the medical profession, or conduct that is unbecoming to a member in good standing of the medical profession, and which demonstrates an unfitness to practice medicine, as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 10 through 24, above, which are hereby realleged and incorporated by this reference as if fully set forth herein.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 118508, issued to Respondent, Allen Ali Jahroumi, M.D.;