

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

**In the Matter of the Accusation  
Against:**

**Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 97086**

**Case No.: 800-2022-088004**

**Respondent.**

**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.**

**This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on October 4, 2024.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED: September 6, 2024.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**

*Michelle A. Bholat, MD*

**Michelle Bholat, M.D., Interim-Chair  
Panel A**

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13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

14 **ROBIN KEONI BARENG, M.D.**  
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16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A**  
17 **97086**

18 Respondent.

Case No. 800-2022-088004

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND**  
**DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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20 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-  
21 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

22 **PARTIES**

23 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of  
24 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this  
25 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Robert W. Lincoln, Deputy  
26 Attorney General.

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2. Respondent Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorneys Steven L. Simas and Ryan M. Keever, whose address is: 7355 Morro Road, Suite 101, Atascadero, CA 93422.

3. On or about August 30, 2006, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 97086 to Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D. (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. 800-2022-088004, and will expire on February 29, 2026, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

4. Accusation No. 800-2022-088004 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 5, 2023. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.

5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2022-088004 is attached as Exhibit A and 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. 800-2022-088004. 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. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

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**CULPABILITY**

9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-088004, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

10. Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a prima facie case or factual basis for the charges in the Accusation, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.

11. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, complainant could establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-088004, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate, No. A 97086 to disciplinary action.

12. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

**CONTINGENCY**

13. 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.

14. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2022-088004 shall be

1 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any  
2 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

3 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile  
4 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile  
5 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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

9 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

10 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 97086 issued  
11 to Respondent ROBIN KEONI BARENG, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed  
12 and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions:

13 1. **CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - ABSTAIN FROM USE.** Respondent shall abstain  
14 completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the  
15 California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by Business and  
16 Professions Code section 4022, and any drugs requiring a prescription. This prohibition does not  
17 apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent by another practitioner for a bona fide  
18 illness or condition.

19 Within 15 calendar days of receiving any lawfully prescribed medications, Respondent  
20 shall notify the Board or its designee of the: issuing practitioner's name, address, and telephone  
21 number; medication name, strength, and quantity; and issuing pharmacy name, address, and  
22 telephone number.

23 2. **ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE.** Respondent shall abstain completely from the  
24 use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

25 3. **BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING.** Respondent shall immediately submit to  
26 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.  
27 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair  
28 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Prior to

1 practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service approved in advance  
2 by the Board or its designee that will conduct random, unannounced, observed, biological fluid  
3 testing. The contract shall require results of the tests to be transmitted by the laboratory or  
4 service directly to the Board or its designee within four hours of the results becoming available.  
5 Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or service contract during the period of probation.

6 A certified copy of any laboratory test result may be received in evidence in any  
7 proceedings between the Board and Respondent.

8 If Respondent fails to cooperate in a random biological fluid testing program within the  
9 specified time frame, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to  
10 immediately cease the practice of medicine. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of  
11 medicine until the final decision on an accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation is  
12 effective. An accusation and/or petition to revoke probation shall be filed by the Board within 30  
13 days of the notification to cease practice. If the Respondent requests a hearing on the accusation  
14 and/or petition to revoke probation, the Board shall provide the Respondent with a hearing within  
15 30 days of the request, unless the Respondent stipulates to a later hearing. If the case is heard by  
16 an Administrative Law Judge alone, he or she shall forward a Proposed Decision to the Board  
17 within 15 days of submission of the matter. Within 15 days of receipt by the Board of the  
18 Administrative Law Judge's proposed decision, the Board shall issue its Decision, unless good  
19 cause can be shown for the delay. If the case is heard by the Board, the Board shall issue its  
20 decision within 15 days of submission of the case, unless good cause can be shown for the delay.  
21 Good cause includes, but is not limited to, non-adoption of the proposed decision, requests for  
22 reconsideration, remands and other interlocutory orders issued by the Board. The cessation of  
23 practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

24 If the Board does not file an accusation or petition to revoke probation within 15 days of the  
25 issuance of the notification to cease practice or does not provide Respondent with a hearing  
26 within 30 days of such a request, the notification of cease practice shall be dissolved.

27 4. PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of  
28 this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter may be required by the Board or its

1 designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a psychiatric evaluation (and psychological  
2 testing, if deemed necessary) by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist, who shall  
3 consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other information the  
4 psychiatrist deems relevant, and shall furnish a written evaluation report to the Board or its  
5 designee. Psychiatric evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of the Decision shall not  
6 be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. Respondent shall pay the cost of all  
7 psychiatric evaluations and psychological testing.

8 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating  
9 psychiatrist within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee.

10 5. PSYCHOTHERAPY. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision,  
11 Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and  
12 qualifications of a California-licensed board certified psychiatrist or a licensed psychologist who  
13 has a doctoral degree in psychology and at least five years of postgraduate experience in the  
14 diagnosis and treatment of emotional and mental disorders. Upon approval, Respondent shall  
15 undergo and continue psychotherapy treatment, including any modifications to the frequency of  
16 psychotherapy, until the Board or its designee deems that no further psychotherapy is necessary.

17 The psychotherapist shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee  
18 and any other information the psychotherapist deems relevant and shall furnish a written  
19 evaluation report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall cooperate in providing the  
20 psychotherapist with any information and documents that the psychotherapist may deem  
21 pertinent.

22 Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit quarterly status reports to the  
23 Board or its designee. The Board or its designee may require Respondent to undergo psychiatric  
24 evaluations by a Board-appointed board certified psychiatrist. If, prior to the completion of  
25 probation, Respondent is found to be mentally unfit to resume the practice of medicine without  
26 restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the  
27 period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is mentally fit  
28 to resume the practice of medicine without restrictions.

Respondent shall pay the cost of all psychotherapy and psychiatric evaluations.

6. MEDICAL EVALUATION AND TREATMENT. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo a medical evaluation by a Board-appointed physician who shall consider any information provided by the Board or designee and any other information the evaluating physician deems relevant and shall furnish a medical report to the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the evaluating physician with any information and documentation that the evaluating physician may deem pertinent.

Following the evaluation, Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the evaluating physician within 15 calendar days after being notified by the Board or its designee. If Respondent is required by the Board or its designee to undergo medical treatment, Respondent shall within 30 calendar days of the requirement notice, submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval the name and qualifications of a California licensed treating physician of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician, Respondent shall within 15 calendar days undertake medical treatment and shall continue such treatment until further notice from the Board or its designee.

The treating physician shall consider any information provided by the Board or its designee or any other information the treating physician may deem pertinent prior to commencement of treatment. Respondent shall have the treating physician submit quarterly reports to the Board or its designee indicating whether or not the Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely. Respondent shall provide the Board or its designee with any and all medical records pertaining to treatment that the Board or its designee deems necessary.

If, prior to the completion of probation, Respondent is found to be physically incapable of resuming the practice of medicine without restrictions, the Board shall retain continuing jurisdiction over Respondent's license and the period of probation shall be extended until the Board determines that Respondent is physically capable of resuming the practice of medicine without restrictions. Respondent shall pay the cost of the medical evaluation(s) and treatment.

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1           7.    MONITORING - PRACTICE. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this  
2 Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a practice  
3 monitor(s), the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose  
4 licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical  
5 Specialties (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal  
6 relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to  
7 compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including  
8 but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree  
9 to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

10           The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s)  
11 and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the  
12 Decision(s), Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed  
13 statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands the role  
14 of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees  
15 with the proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a revised monitoring plan with the  
16 signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

17           Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout  
18 probation, Respondent's practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor. Respondent shall  
19 make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the monitor  
20 at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the entire term of probation.

21           If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within 60 calendar days of the effective  
22 date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to  
23 cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent  
24 shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring  
25 responsibility.

26           The monitor(s) shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which  
27 includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices  
28 are within the standards of practice of medicine, and whether Respondent is practicing medicine

1 safely, billing appropriately or both. It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure  
2 that the monitor submits the quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee within 10  
3 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

4 If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of  
5 such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the  
6 name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within  
7 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60  
8 calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a  
9 notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3)  
10 calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a  
11 replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

12 In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program  
13 approved in advance by the Board or its designee that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart  
14 review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and  
15 education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's  
16 expense during the term of probation.

17 8. SOLO PRACTICE PROHIBITION. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the  
18 solo practice of medicine. Prohibited solo practice includes, but is not limited to, a practice  
19 where: 1) Respondent merely shares office space with another physician but is not affiliated for  
20 purposes of providing patient care, or 2) Respondent is the sole physician practitioner at that  
21 location.

22 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in  
23 an appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision,  
24 Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of  
25 medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume  
26 practice until an appropriate practice setting is established.

27 If, during the course of the probation, the Respondent's practice setting changes and the  
28 Respondent is no longer practicing in a setting in compliance with this Decision, the Respondent

1 shall notify the Board or its designee within five (5) calendar days of the practice setting change.  
2 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in an  
3 appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the practice setting change, Respondent  
4 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within  
5 three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume practice until an  
6 appropriate practice setting is established.

7 9. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the  
8 Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the  
9 Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to  
10 Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine,  
11 including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief  
12 Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to  
13 Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15  
14 calendar days.

15 This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

16 10. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE  
17 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and  
18 advanced practice nurses.

19 11. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules  
20 governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court  
21 ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.

22 12. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby  
23 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not  
24 limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, investigation(s), and subpoena  
25 enforcement, as applicable, in the amount of \$33,953.50 (thirty-three thousand nine hundred fifty-  
26 three dollars and fifty cents). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure  
27 to pay such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.

28 Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or

1 by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a  
2 payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with  
3 the payment plan shall be considered a violation of probation.

4 The filing of bankruptcy by respondent shall not relieve respondent of the responsibility to  
5 repay investigation and enforcement costs, including expert review costs (if applicable).

6 13. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations  
7 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been  
8 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

9 Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end  
10 of the preceding quarter.

11 14. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

12 Compliance with Probation Unit

13 Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

14 Address Changes

15 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and  
16 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such  
17 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no  
18 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business  
19 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

20 Place of Practice

21 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place  
22 of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed  
23 facility.

24 License Renewal

25 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's  
26 license.

27 Travel or Residence Outside California

28 Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any

1 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty  
2 (30) calendar days.

3 In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice  
4 Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of  
5 departure and return.

6 15. INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE. Respondent shall be  
7 available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the  
8 probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.

9 16. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or  
10 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than  
11 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is  
12 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and  
13 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct  
14 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If  
15 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall  
16 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training  
17 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-  
18 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of  
19 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while  
20 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be  
21 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a  
22 period of non-practice.

23 In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar  
24 months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Boards's Special  
25 Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program  
26 that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model  
27 Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

28 Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

1           Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

2           Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve  
3 Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the  
4 exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;  
5 General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or  
6 Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing..

7           17. COMPLETION OF PROBATION. Respondent shall comply with all financial  
8 obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the  
9 completion of probation. This term does not include cost recovery, which is due within 30  
10 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or by a payment plan approved by the Medical  
11 Board and timely satisfied. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate  
12 shall be fully restored.

13           18. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition  
14 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the  
15 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and  
16 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,  
17 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have  
18 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until  
19 the matter is final.

20           19. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if  
21 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy  
22 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.  
23 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in  
24 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate  
25 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent  
26 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its  
27 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject  
28 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the

application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

20. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

21. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. 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. 800-2022-088004 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.

### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Steven L. Simas, ESQ. and/or Ryan M. Keeve, ESQr. 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: 7/3/2024

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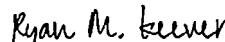


ROBIN KEONI BARENG, M.D.  
Respondent

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

DATED: 7/3/2024

DocuSigned by:



STEVEN L. SIMAS or RYAN M. KEEVER  
Attorneys for Respondent

### ENDORSEMENT

1 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully  
2 submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

3 DATED: 7/3/2024

Respectfully submitted,

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4. Section 822 of the Code states:

(a) Revoking the licentiate's certificate or license.

(c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the condition which caused its action and until it is satisfied that with due regard for the public health and safety the person's right to practice his or her profession may be safely reinstated.

5. 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.

**(Mental Illness and/or Physical Illness Affecting Competency)**

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1 On or about March 29, 2023, Respondent was examined by M.K., M.D., who is  
2 a board certified psychiatrist. After conducting a psychiatric examination and  
3 assessment Dr. M.K. diagnosed Respondent with depression and anxiety and opined  
4 that it was not safe for Respondent to practice medicine.

5 PRAYER

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

- 8 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 97086, issued to  
9 Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D.;
- 10 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D.'s authority  
11 to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
- 12 3. Ordering Robin Keoni Bareng, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation  
13 and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring; and
- 14 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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16 DATED: OCT 05 2023

  
REJI VARGHESE  
Executive Director  
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