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

In the Matter of the First Amended
Accusation Against:

Ralph Anthony Highshaw, M.D.
204 37th Ave N # 479
St. Petersburg, FL 33704-1416

Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 56419

Case No. 800-2020-071080

AGREEMENT FOR
SURRENDER OF LICENSE

Respondent.

TO ALL PARTIES:

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

1. Complainant, Reji Varghese, is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs ("Board").
2. Ralph Anthony Highshaw, M.D. ("Respondent") has carefully read and fully understands the effect of this Agreement.
3. Respondent understands that by signing this Agreement he is enabling the Board to issue this order accepting the surrender of license without further process. Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Board regarding this Agreement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. The Board will not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this Agreement.
4. Respondent acknowledges there is current disciplinary action against his license, that on April 11, 2023, a First Amended Accusation was filed against him and on December 21, 2023, a Decision was rendered wherein his license was

revoked, with the revocation stayed, and placed on 5 years' probation with various standard terms and conditions.

5. The current disciplinary action provides in pertinent part, "Following the effective date of this Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons, or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request voluntary surrender of Respondent's license." (Condition #6).

6. Upon acceptance of the Agreement by the Board, Respondent understands he will no longer be permitted to practice as a physician and surgeon in California, and also agrees to surrender his wallet certificate, wall license and any D.E.A. Certificate(s) for an address in California.

7. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if Respondent ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a Petition for Reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the Petition is filed. In addition, any Medical Board Investigation Report(s), including all referenced documents and other exhibits, upon which the Board is predicated, and any such Investigation Report(s), attachments, and other exhibits, that may be generated subsequent to the filing of this Agreement for Surrender of License, shall be admissible as direct evidence, and any time-based defenses, such as laches or any applicable statute of limitations, shall be waived when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the Petition.

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ACCEPTANCE

I, Ralph Anthony Highshaw, M.D. have carefully read the above Agreement and enter into it freely and voluntarily, with the optional advice of counsel, and with full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 56419, to the Medical Board of California for its acceptance. By signing this Agreement for Surrender of License, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the Board, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a Physician and Surgeon in the State of California and that I have delivered to the Board my wallet certificate and wall license.

delivered to the Board my wallet

~~Ralph Anthony Highshaw, M.D.~~

Attorney or Witness

**Reji Varghese
Executive Director
Medical Board of California**

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