

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 115648**

Case No.: 800-2023-097888

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 November 10, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED: October 10, 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

 M.D.

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Panel A**

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115648

17 Respondent.
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Case No. 800-2023-097888

OAH No. 2025040564

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 Wendy Widlus, Deputy
26 Attorney General.

27 2. Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
28 proceeding by attorney Suzanne M. Crouts, Esq., whose address is: 2945 Townsgate Road,

1 Suite 200 Westlake Village, CA 91361-5866.

2 3. On or about February 2, 2011, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate
3 No. A 115648 to Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's
4 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation
5 No. 800-2023-097888, and will expire on February 28, 2027, unless renewed.

6 **JURISDICTION**

7 4. Accusation No. 800-2023-097888 was filed before the Board, and is currently
8 pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were
9 properly served on Respondent on March 20, 2025. Respondent timely filed his Notice of
10 Defense contesting the Accusation.

11 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2023-097888 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated
12 herein by reference.

13 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

14 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
15 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2023-097888. Respondent has also carefully read,
16 fully discussed with his counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and
17 Disciplinary Order.

18 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a
19 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine
20 the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right
21 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of
22 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other
23 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

24 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
25 every right set forth above.

26 **CULPABILITY**

27 9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation
28 No. 800-2023-097888, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his

1 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

2 10. Respondent does not contest that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could
3 establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-
4 2023-097888, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and that he has
5 thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 115648 to disciplinary action.

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

9 **CONTINGENCY**

10 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California.
11 Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical
12 Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and
13 settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the
14 stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek
15 to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails
16 to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
17 Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal
18 action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having
19 considered this matter.

20 13. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties herein to
21 be an integrated writing representing the complete, final and exclusive embodiment of the
22 agreement of the parties in this above entitled matter.

23 14. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of
24 probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the
25 Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2023-097888 shall be
26 deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any
27 other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.

28 15. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile

1 copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile
2 signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.

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

6 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

7 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 115648
8 issued to Respondent ARAM VAZGEN DAVTYAN, M.D. is revoked. However, the revocation
9 is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and
10 conditions:

11 1. **ALCOHOL - ABSTAIN FROM USE.** Respondent shall abstain completely from the
12 use of products or beverages containing alcohol.

13 2. **PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE).** Within 60 calendar days of
14 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that
15 meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1.
16 Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall
17 provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall
18 successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after
19 Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the
20 time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom
21 component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in
22 addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

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

28 Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its

1 designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later
2 than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

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

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

13 If, during the course of the probation, the Respondent's practice setting changes and the
14 Respondent is no longer practicing in a setting in compliance with this Decision, the Respondent
15 shall notify the Board or its designee within five (5) calendar days of the practice setting change.
16 If Respondent fails to establish a practice with another physician or secure employment in an
17 appropriate practice setting within 60 calendar days of the practice setting change, Respondent
18 shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within
19 three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume practice until an
20 appropriate practice setting is established.

21 4. CLINICAL DIAGNOSTIC EVALUATIONS AND REPORTS: Within thirty (30)
22 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on whatever periodic basis thereafter as
23 may be required by the Board or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and complete a clinical
24 diagnostic evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary, by a Board-appointed
25 board certified physician and surgeon. The examiner shall consider any information provided by
26 the Board or its designee and any other information he or she deems relevant, and shall furnish a
27 written evaluation report to the Board or its designee.

28 The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed physician and surgeon

1 who holds a valid, unrestricted license, has three (3) years' experience in providing evaluations of
2 physicians and surgeons with substance abuse disorders, and is approved by the Board or its
3 designee. The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable
4 professional standards for conducting substance abuse clinical diagnostic evaluations. The
5 evaluator shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with
6 Respondent within the last five (5) years. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and
7 independent evaluation. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall set forth, in the
8 evaluator's opinion, whether Respondent has a substance abuse problem, whether Respondent is a
9 threat to himself or herself or others, and recommendations for substance abuse treatment,
10 practice restrictions, or other recommendations related to Respondent's rehabilitation and ability
11 to practice safely. If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that Respondent is a
12 threat to himself or herself or others, the evaluator shall notify the Board within twenty-four (24)
13 hours of such a determination.

14 In formulating his or her opinion as to whether Respondent is safe to return to either part-
15 time or full-time practice and what restrictions or recommendations should be imposed, including
16 participation in an inpatient or outpatient treatment program, the evaluator shall consider the
17 following factors: Respondent's license type; Respondent's history; Respondent's documented
18 length of sobriety (i.e., length of time that has elapsed since Respondent's last substance use);
19 Respondent's scope and pattern of substance abuse; Respondent's treatment history, medical
20 history and current medical condition; the nature, duration and severity of Respondent's
21 substance abuse problem or problems; and whether Respondent is a threat to himself or herself or
22 the public.

23 For all clinical diagnostic evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the Board
24 no later than ten (10) days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter. If the evaluator
25 requests additional information or time to complete the evaluation and report, an extension may
26 be granted, but shall not exceed thirty (30) days from the date the evaluator was originally
27 assigned the matter.

28 The Board shall review the clinical diagnostic evaluation report within five (5) business

1 days of receipt to determine whether Respondent is safe to return to either part-time or full-time
2 practice and what restrictions or recommendations shall be imposed on Respondent based on the
3 recommendations made by the evaluator. Respondent shall not be returned to practice until he or
4 she has at least thirty (30) days of negative biological fluid tests or biological fluid tests indicating
5 that he or she has not used, consumed, ingested, or administered to himself or herself a prohibited
6 substance, as defined in section 1361.51, subdivision (e), of Title 16 of the California Code of
7 Regulations.

8 Clinical diagnostic evaluations conducted prior to the effective date of this Decision shall
9 not be accepted towards the fulfillment of this requirement. The cost of the clinical diagnostic
10 evaluation, including any and all testing deemed necessary by the examiner, the Board or its
11 designee, shall be borne by the licensee.

12 Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified by the Board or its
13 designee that he or she is fit to practice medicine safely. The period of time that Respondent is
14 not practicing medicine shall not be counted toward completion of the term of probation.
15 Respondent shall undergo biological fluid testing as required in this Decision at least two (2)
16 times per week while awaiting the notification from the Board if he or she is fit to practice
17 medicine safely.

18 Respondent shall comply with all restrictions or conditions recommended by the examiner
19 conducting the clinical diagnostic evaluation within fifteen (15) calendar days after being notified
20 by the Board or its designee.

21 5. NOTICE OF EMPLOYER OR SUPERVISOR INFORMATION. Within seven (7)
22 days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall provide to the Board the names,
23 physical addresses, mailing addresses, and telephone numbers of any and all employers and
24 supervisors. Respondent shall also provide specific, written consent for the Board, Respondent's
25 worksite monitor, and Respondent's employers and supervisors to communicate regarding
26 Respondent's work status, performance, and monitoring.

27 For purposes of this section, "supervisors" shall include the Chief of Staff and Health or
28 Well Being Committee Chair, or equivalent, if applicable, when the Respondent has medical staff

1 privileges.

2 6. BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING. Respondent shall immediately submit to
3 biological fluid testing, at Respondent's expense, upon request of the Board or its designee.
4 "Biological fluid testing" may include, but is not limited to, urine, blood, breathalyzer, hair
5 follicle testing, or similar drug screening approved by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall
6 make daily contact with the Board or its designee to determine whether biological fluid testing is
7 required. Respondent shall be tested on the date of the notification as directed by the Board or its
8 designee. The Board may order a Respondent to undergo a biological fluid test on any day, at
9 any time, including weekends and holidays. Except when testing on a specific date as ordered by
10 the Board or its designee, the scheduling of biological fluid testing shall be done on a random
11 basis. The cost of biological fluid testing shall be borne by the Respondent.

12 During the first year of probation, Respondent shall be subject to 52 to 104 random tests.
13 During the second year of probation and for the duration of the probationary term, up to five (5)
14 years, Respondent shall be subject to 36 to 104 random tests per year. Only if there has been no
15 positive biological fluid tests in the previous five (5) consecutive years of probation, may testing
16 be reduced to one (1) time per month. Nothing precludes the Board from increasing the number
17 of random tests to the first-year level of frequency for any reason.

18 Prior to practicing medicine, Respondent shall contract with a laboratory or service,
19 approved in advance by the Board or its designee, that will conduct random, unannounced,
20 observed, biological fluid testing and meets all of the following standards:

- 21 (a) Its specimen collectors are either certified by the Drug and Alcohol Testing Industry
22 Association or have completed the training required to serve as a collector for the United
23 States Department of Transportation.
- 24 (b) Its specimen collectors conform to the current United States Department of
25 Transportation Specimen Collection Guidelines.
- 26 (c) Its testing locations comply with the Urine Specimen Collection Guidelines published
27 by the United States Department of Transportation without regard to the type of test
28 administered.

- 1 (d) Its specimen collectors observe the collection of testing specimens.
- 2 (e) Its laboratories are certified and accredited by the United States Department of Health
3 and Human Services.
- 4 (f) Its testing locations shall submit a specimen to a laboratory within one (1) business day
5 of receipt and all specimens collected shall be handled pursuant to chain of custody
6 procedures. The laboratory shall process and analyze the specimens and provide legally
7 defensible test results to the Board within seven (7) business days of receipt of the
8 specimen. The Board will be notified of non-negative results within one (1) business day
9 and will be notified of negative test results within seven (7) business days.
- 10 (g) Its testing locations possess all the materials, equipment, and technical expertise
11 necessary in order to test Respondent on any day of the week.
- 12 (h) Its testing locations are able to scientifically test for urine, blood, and hair specimens
13 for the detection of alcohol and illegal and controlled substances.
- 14 (i) It maintains testing sites located throughout California.
- 15 (j) It maintains an automated 24-hour toll-free telephone system and/or a secure on-line
16 computer database that allows the Respondent to check in daily for testing.
- 17 (k) It maintains a secure, HIPAA-compliant website or computer system that allows staff
18 access to drug test results and compliance reporting information that is available 24 hours a
19 day.
- 20 (l) It employs or contracts with toxicologists that are licensed physicians and have
21 knowledge of substance abuse disorders and the appropriate medical training to interpret
22 and evaluate laboratory biological fluid test results, medical histories, and any other
23 information relevant to biomedical information.
- 24 (m) It will not consider a toxicology screen to be negative if a positive result is obtained
25 while practicing, even if the Respondent holds a valid prescription for the substance.
- 26 Prior to changing testing locations for any reason, including during vacation or other travel,
27 alternative testing locations must be approved by the Board and meet the requirements above.
- 28 The contract shall require that the laboratory directly notify the Board or its designee of

1 non-negative results within one (1) business day and negative test results within seven (7)
2 business days of the results becoming available. Respondent shall maintain this laboratory or
3 service contract during the period of probation.

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

6 If a biological fluid test result indicates Respondent has used, consumed, ingested, or
7 administered to himself or herself a prohibited substance, the Board shall order Respondent to
8 cease practice and instruct Respondent to leave any place of work where Respondent is practicing
9 medicine or providing medical services. The Board shall immediately notify all of Respondent's
10 employers, supervisors and work monitors, if any, that Respondent may not practice medicine or
11 provide medical services while the cease-practice order is in effect.

12 A biological fluid test will not be considered negative if a positive result is obtained while
13 practicing, even if the practitioner holds a valid prescription for the substance. If no prohibited
14 substance use exists, the Board shall lift the cease-practice order within one (1) business day.

15 After the issuance of a cease-practice order, the Board shall determine whether the positive
16 biological fluid test is in fact evidence of prohibited substance use by consulting with the
17 specimen collector and the laboratory, communicating with the licensee, his or her treating
18 physician(s), other health care provider, or group facilitator, as applicable.

19 For purposes of this condition, the terms "biological fluid testing" and "testing" mean the
20 acquisition and chemical analysis of a Respondent's urine, blood, breath, or hair.

21 For purposes of this condition, the term "prohibited substance" means an illegal drug, a
22 lawful drug not prescribed or ordered by an appropriately licensed health care provider for use by
23 Respondent and approved by the Board, alcohol, or any other substance the Respondent has been
24 instructed by the Board not to use, consume, ingest, or administer to himself or herself.

25 If the Board confirms that a positive biological fluid test is evidence of use of a prohibited
26 substance, Respondent has committed a major violation, as defined in section 1361.52(a), and the
27 Board shall impose any or all of the consequences set forth in section 1361.52(b), in addition to
28 any other terms or conditions the Board determines are necessary for public protection or to

1 enhance Respondent's rehabilitation.

2 7. SUBSTANCE ABUSE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS. Within thirty (30) days of
3 the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee, for its
4 prior approval, the name of a substance abuse support group which he or she shall attend for the
5 duration of probation. Respondent shall attend substance abuse support group meetings at least
6 once per week, or as ordered by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall pay all substance
7 abuse support group meeting costs.

8 The facilitator of the substance abuse support group meeting shall have a minimum of three
9 (3) years experience in the treatment and rehabilitation of substance abuse, and shall be licensed
10 or certified by the state or nationally certified organizations. The facilitator shall not have a
11 current or former financial, personal, or business relationship with Respondent within the last five
12 (5) years. Respondent's previous participation in a substance abuse group support meeting led by
13 the same facilitator does not constitute a prohibited current or former financial, personal, or
14 business relationship.

15 The facilitator shall provide a signed document to the Board or its designee showing
16 Respondent's name, the group name, the date and location of the meeting, Respondent's
17 attendance, and Respondent's level of participation and progress. The facilitator shall report any
18 unexcused absence by Respondent from any substance abuse support group meeting to the Board,
19 or its designee, within twenty-four (24) hours of the unexcused absence.

20 8. WORKSITE MONITOR FOR SUBSTANCE-ABUSING LICENSEE. Within thirty
21 (30) calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or
22 its designee for prior approval as a worksite monitor, the name and qualifications of one or more
23 licensed physician and surgeon, other licensed health care professional if no physician and
24 surgeon is available, or, as approved by the Board or its designee, a person in a position of
25 authority who is capable of monitoring the Respondent at work.

26 The worksite monitor shall not have a current or former financial, personal, or familial
27 relationship with Respondent, or any other relationship that could reasonably be expected to
28 compromise the ability of the monitor to render impartial and unbiased reports to the Board or its

1 designee. If it is impractical for anyone but Respondent's employer to serve as the worksite
2 monitor, this requirement may be waived by the Board or its designee, however, under no
3 circumstances shall Respondent's worksite monitor be an employee or supervisee of the licensee.

4 The worksite monitor shall have an active unrestricted license with no disciplinary action
5 within the last five (5) years, and shall sign an affirmation that he or she has reviewed the terms
6 and conditions of Respondent's disciplinary order and agrees to monitor Respondent as set forth
7 by the Board or its designee.

8 Respondent shall pay all worksite monitoring costs.

9 The worksite monitor shall have face-to-face contact with Respondent in the work
10 environment on as frequent a basis as determined by the Board or its designee, but not less than
11 once per week; interview other staff in the office regarding Respondent's behavior, if requested
12 by the Board or its designee; and review Respondent's work attendance.

13 The worksite monitor shall verbally report any suspected substance abuse to the Board and
14 Respondent's employer or supervisor within one (1) business day of occurrence. If the suspected
15 substance abuse does not occur during the Board's normal business hours, the verbal report shall
16 be made to the Board or its designee within one (1) hour of the next business day. A written
17 report that includes the date, time, and location of the suspected abuse; Respondent's actions; and
18 any other information deemed important by the worksite monitor shall be submitted to the Board
19 or its designee within 48 hours of the occurrence.

20 The worksite monitor shall complete and submit a written report monthly or as directed by
21 the Board or its designee which shall include the following: (1) Respondent's name and
22 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate number; (2) the worksite monitor's name and signature; (3)
23 the worksite monitor's license number, if applicable; (4) the location or location(s) of the
24 worksite; (5) the dates Respondent had face-to-face contact with the worksite monitor; (6) the
25 names of worksite staff interviewed, if applicable; (7) a report of Respondent's work attendance;
26 (8) any change in Respondent's behavior and/or personal habits; and (9) any indicators that can
27 lead to suspected substance abuse by Respondent. Respondent shall complete any required
28 consent forms and execute agreements with the approved worksite monitor and the Board, or its

1 designee, authorizing the Board, or its designee, and worksite monitor to exchange information.

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

11 9. VIOLATION OF PROBATION CONDITION FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSING
12 LICENSEES . Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of
13 probation.

14 A. If Respondent commits a major violation of probation as defined by section
15 1361.52, subdivision (a), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take
16 one or more of the following actions:

17 (1) Issue an immediate cease-practice order and order Respondent to undergo a clinical
18 diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of
19 Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, at Respondent's expense. The cease-practice
20 order issued by the Board or its designee shall state that Respondent must test negative for at least
21 a month of continuous biological fluid testing before being allowed to resume practice. For
22 purposes of determining the length of time a Respondent must test negative while undergoing
23 continuous biological fluid testing following issuance of a cease-practice order, a month is
24 defined as thirty calendar (30) days. Respondent may not resume the practice of medicine until
25 notified in writing by the Board or its designee that he or she may do so.

26 (2) Increase the frequency of biological fluid testing.

27 (3) Refer Respondent for further disciplinary action, such as suspension, revocation, or
28 other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

1 B. If Respondent commits a minor violation of probation as defined by section
2 1361.52, subdivision (c), of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations, the Board shall take
3 one or more of the following actions:

- 4 (1) Issue a cease-practice order;
- 5 (2) Order practice limitations;
- 6 (3) Order or increase supervision of Respondent;
- 7 (4) Order increased documentation;
- 8 (5) Issue a citation and fine, or a warning letter;
- 9 (6) Order Respondent to undergo a clinical diagnostic evaluation to be conducted in
10 accordance with section 1361.5, subdivision (c)(1), of Title 16 of the California Code of
11 Regulations, at Respondent's expense;
- 12 (7) Take any other action as determined by the Board or its designee.

13 C. Nothing in this Decision shall be considered a limitation on the Board's authority
14 to revoke Respondent's probation if he or she has violated any term or condition of probation. If
15 Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the
16 opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was
17 stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed
18 against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter
19 is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

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

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

1 11. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE
2 NURSES. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and
3 advanced practice nurses.

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

7 13. INVESTIGATION/ENFORCEMENT COST RECOVERY. Respondent is hereby
8 ordered to reimburse the Board its costs of investigation and enforcement, including, but not
9 limited to, expert review, amended accusations, legal reviews, investigation(s), and subpoena
10 enforcement, as applicable, in the amount of \$ \$37,378.00 (thirty-seven thousand three hundred
11 seventy-eight dollars). Costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California. Failure to pay
12 such costs shall be considered a violation of probation.

13 Payment must be made in full within 30 calendar days of the effective date of the Order, or
14 by a payment plan approved by the Medical Board of California. Any and all requests for a
15 payment plan shall be submitted in writing by respondent to the Board. Failure to comply with
16 the payment plan shall be considered a violation of probation.

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

19 14. QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations
20 under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been
21 compliance with all the conditions of probation.

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

24 15. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

25 Compliance with Probation Unit

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

27 Address Changes

28 Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and

1 residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such
2 addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no
3 circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business
4 and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

5 Place of Practice

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

9 License Renewal

10 Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's
11 license.

12 Travel or Residence Outside California

13 Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any
14 areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty
15 (30) calendar days.

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

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

22 17. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or
23 its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than
24 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is
25 defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and
26 Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct
27 patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If
28 Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall

1 comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training
2 program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-
3 practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of
4 probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while
5 on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be
6 considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a
7 period of non-practice.

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

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

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

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

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

26 19. VIOLATION OF PROBATION. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition
27 of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the
28 Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and

1 carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation,
2 or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have
3 continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until
4 the matter is final.

5 20. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of this Decision, if
6 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy
7 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.
8 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in
9 determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate
10 and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent
11 shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its
12 designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject
13 to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the
14 application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.

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

20 22. FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for
21 a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care
22 licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in
23 Accusation No. 800-2023-097888 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by
24 Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or
25 restrict license.

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1 **ACCEPTANCE**

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

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8 DATED: 09/02/25

Aram Davtyan

Aram Davtyan (Sep 2, 2025 00:19:20 GMT+2)

ARAM VAZGEN DAVTYAN, M.D.

Respondent

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10 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D. the terms
11 and conditions and other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary
12 Order. I approve its form and content.

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14 DATED: August 29, 2025

Suzanne M. Crouts

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Attorney for Respondent

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16 **ENDORSEMENT**

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

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20 DATED: September 2, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2023-097888

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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2023-097888

12 **Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D.**
13 **Regal & Lakeside Medical Group**
14 **8510 Balboa Blvd., Suite 200**
15 **Northridge, CA 91325**

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A C C U S A T I O N

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
17 **No. A 115648,**

Respondent.

18 **PARTIES**

19 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity as
20 the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs
21 (Board).

22 2. On or about February 2, 2011, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
23 Certificate Number A 115648 to Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's
24 and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25 herein and will expire on February 28, 2027, unless renewed.

26 **JURISDICTION**

27 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
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1 laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise
2 indicated.

3 4. Section 2229 of the Code states:

4 (a) Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Division of
5 Medical Quality, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, and administrative law
6 judges of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel in exercising their disciplinary authority.

6 (b) In exercising his or her disciplinary authority an administrative law judge of
7 the Medical Quality Hearing Panel, the division, or the California Board of Podiatric
8 Medicine, shall, wherever possible, take action that is calculated to aid in the
9 rehabilitation of the licensee, or where, due to a lack of continuing education or other
10 reasons, restriction on scope of practice is indicated, to order restrictions as are
11 indicated by the evidence.

10 (c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the division, the California Board of
11 Podiatric Medicine, and the enforcement program shall seek out those licensees who
12 have demonstrated deficiencies in competency and then take those actions as are
13 indicated, with priority given to those measures, including further education,
14 restrictions from practice, or other means, that will remove those deficiencies. Where
15 rehabilitation and protection are inconsistent, protection shall be paramount.

13 5. Section 2004 of the Code states:

14 The board shall have the responsibility for the following:

15 (a) The enforcement of the disciplinary and criminal provisions of the Medical
16 Practice Act.

17 (b) The administration and hearing of disciplinary actions.

18 (c) Carrying out disciplinary actions appropriate to findings made by a panel or
19 an administrative law judge.

20 (d) Suspending, revoking, or otherwise limiting certificates after the conclusion
21 of disciplinary actions.

22 (e) Reviewing the quality of medical practice carried out by physician and
23 surgeon certificate holders under the jurisdiction of the board.

24 (f) Approving undergraduate and graduate medical education programs.

25 (g) Approving clinical clerkship and special programs and hospitals for the
26 programs in subdivision (f).

27 (h) Issuing licenses and certificates under the board's jurisdiction.

28 (i) Administering the board's continuing medical education program.

6. Section 2227 of the Code states:

(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of

1 the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government
2 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:

3 (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.

4 (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one
5 year upon order of the board.

6 (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation
monitoring upon order of the board.

7 (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a
8 requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the
board.

9 (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of
10 probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

11 (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters,
12 medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations,
13 continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are
14 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.

15 7. Section 2228.1 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

16 (a) On and after July 1, 2019, except as otherwise provided in subdivision
17 (c), the board and the Podiatric Medical Board of California shall require a licensee to
18 provide a separate disclosure that includes the licensee's probation status, the length
19 of the probation, the probation end date, all practice restrictions placed on the licensee
20 by the board, the board's telephone number, and an explanation of how the patient can
find further information on the licensee's probation on the licensee's profile page on
the board's online license information internet website, to a patient or the patient's
guardian or health care surrogate before the patient's first visit following the
probationary order while the licensee is on probation pursuant to a probationary order
made on and after July 1, 2019, in any of the following circumstances:

21 (1) A final adjudication by the board following an administrative hearing or
22 admitted findings or prima facie showing in a stipulated settlement establishing any
of the following:

23 ...

24 (B) Drug or alcohol abuse directly resulting in harm to patients or the extent
that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice safely.

25 8. Section 2234 of the Code states:

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

28 (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 no later than 30 calendar days after being notified by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.

(h) Any action of the licensee, or another person acting on behalf of the licensee, intended to cause their patient or their patient's authorized representative to rescind consent to release the patient's medical records to the board or the Department of Consumer Affairs, Health Quality Investigation Unit.

(i) Dissuading, intimidating, or tampering with a patient, witness, or any person in an attempt to prevent them from reporting or testifying about a licensee.

9. 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 unfitness to practice medicine. (Shea v. Board of Medical Examiners (1978) 81 Cal.App.3d 564, 575.)

10. Section 2239 of the Code states:

(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4022, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous

1 or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that
2 such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than
3 one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or
4 self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any
5 combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the
6 conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct.

7 (b) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo
8 contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section. The
9 Medical Board may order discipline of the licensee in accordance with Section 2227
10 or the Medical Board may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has
11 elapsed or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order
12 granting probation is made suspending imposition of sentence, irrespective of a
13 subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing
14 such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or
15 setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint,
16 information, or indictment.

17 11. Section 2280 of the Code states:

18 No licensee shall practice medicine while under the influence of any narcotic
19 drug or alcohol to such extent as to impair his or her ability to conduct the practice of
20 medicine with safety to the public and his or her patients. Violation of this section
21 constitutes unprofessional conduct and is a misdemeanor.

22 12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1360, states:

23 (a) For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license pursuant
24 to Section 141 or Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime,
25 professional misconduct, or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the
26 qualifications, functions or duties of a person holding a license if to a substantial
27 degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of a person holding a license to
28 perform the functions authorized by the license in a manner consistent with the public
health, safety or welfare. Such crimes, professional misconduct, or acts shall include
but not be limited to the following: Violating or attempting to violate, directly or
indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any
provision of state or federal law governing the applicant's or licensee's professional
practice.

(b) In making the substantial relationship determination required under
subdivision (a) for a crime, the board shall consider the following criteria:

- (1) The nature and gravity of the crime;
- (2) The number of years elapsed since the date of the crime; and
- (3) The nature and duties of the profession.

COST RECOVERY

13. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the

1 administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of
2 the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and
3 enforcement of the case, with failure of the licensee to comply subjecting the license to not being
4 renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be
5 included in a stipulated settlement.

6 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

7 **(Excessive Use of Alcohol)**

8 14. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under section 2239 of the Code
9 and California Code of Regulations title 16, section 1360, in that Respondent used alcoholic
10 beverages to the extent, or in such a manner, as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, another
11 person, or the public. The circumstances are as follows:

12 15. Respondent is a physician certified by the American Board of Family Medicine in
13 Family Medicine. In 2023 Respondent was working as a hospitalist for a medical group seeing
14 adult patients at a local hospital. On April 21, 2023, Respondent reported to work at the hospital
15 where several hospital physicians observed that Respondent appeared disheveled. Respondent
16 was exhibiting a lack of coordination, a noticeable smell of alcohol, slurred speech, and
17 tangential thoughts and the hospital physicians believed Respondent to be noticeably impaired
18 from an unknown cause.

19 16. The hospital corporate compliance officer escorted Respondent to a testing facility
20 where Respondent completed a breathalyzer test which disclosed his blood alcohol results to be
21 .195 and .178.

22 17. One of the physicians who had observed Respondent's condition insisted on driving
23 Respondent home. During the drive to Respondent's home Respondent stated he saw multiple
24 patients, including a newly admitted patient, that morning prior to his blood alcohol level being
25 tested.

26 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

27 **(Practice of Medicine While Impaired)**

28 18. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action under sections 2234,

1 subdivision (a), and 2280, of the Code, and California Code of Regulations title 16, section 1360,
2 in that Respondent attempted to practice and practiced medicine while under the influence of
3 alcohol to such extent as to impair his ability to conduct the practice of medicine with safety to
4 the public and his patients as more particularly alleged in paragraphs 14 through 17 above, which
5 are hereby incorporated by reference and re-alleged as if fully set for the herein.

6 **PRAYER**

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

9 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 115648,
10 issued to Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D.;

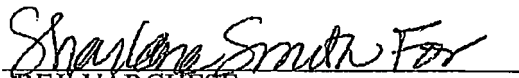
11 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan,
12 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

13 3. Ordering Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the
14 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation
15 monitoring;

16 4. Ordering Respondent Aram Vazgen Davtyan, M.D., if placed on probation, to
17 provide patient notification in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 2228.1;
18 and

19 5. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

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21 DATED: MAR 20 2025


REJI VARGHESE
Executive Director
Medical Board of California
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
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