

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

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Peter Christopher Benson, M.D.

**Physician's and Surgeon's
Certificate No. A 69360**

Respondent.

Case No. 800-2024-111211

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and 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 NOV 10 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED NOV 03 2025.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA



**Reji Varghese
Executive Director**

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12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

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13 **PETER CHRISTOPHER BENSON, M.D.**
14 **155 Wilson Road**
15 **Alamo, CA 94507-1243**

**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND ORDER**

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.**
17 **A 69360**

Respondent.

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

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Reji Varghese (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of
22 California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this
23 matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Nilufar K. Majd, Deputy
24 Attorney General.

25 2. PETER CHRISTOPHER BENSON, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this
26 proceeding by attorney Daniel Horowitz, whose address is: 3650 Mount Diablo Boulevard, Suite
27 225, Lafayette, CA 94549.

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1 3. On or about July 30, 1999, the Board issued Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No.
2 A 69360 to Respondent. That license will expire on October 31, 2026, unless renewed.

3 **JURISDICTION**

4 4. Accusation No. 800-2024-111211 was filed before the Board and is currently pending
5 against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly
6 served on Respondent on September 12, 2025. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense
7 contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2024-111211 is attached as Exhibit A
8 and incorporated by reference.

9 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

10 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the
11 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2024-111211. Respondent also has carefully read,
12 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License
13 and Order.

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

20 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and
21 every right set forth above.

22 **CULPABILITY**

23 8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2024-
24 111211, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and
25 Surgeon's Certificate.

26 9. For the purpose of resolving the Accusation without the expense and uncertainty of
27 further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual
28 basis for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline

exists based on the charges in the Accusation.

10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

CONTINGENCY

11. Business and Professions Code section 2224, subdivision (b), provides, in pertinent part, that the Medical Board "shall delegate to its executive director the authority to adopt a ... stipulation for surrender of a license."

12. Respondent understands that, by signing this stipulation, he enables the Executive Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of his Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No. A 69360 without further notice to, or opportunity to be heard by, Respondent.

13. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Executive Director on behalf of the Board. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be submitted to the Executive Director for his consideration in the above-entitled matter and, further, that the Executive Director shall have a reasonable period of time in which to consider and act on this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order after receiving it. By signing this stipulation, Respondent fully understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind this stipulation prior to the time the Executive Director, on behalf of the Medical Board, considers and acts upon it.

14. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future

1 participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving Respondent. In the event that the
2 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this
3 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it
4 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied
5 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees
6 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason
7 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the
8 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,
9 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or
10 of any matter or matters related hereto.

11 **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**

12 15. This Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties
13 herein to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of
14 the agreements of the parties in the above-entitled matter.

15 16. The parties agree that copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary
16 Order, including copies of the signatures of the parties, may be used in lieu of original documents
17 and signatures and, further, that such copies shall have the same force and effect as originals.

18 17. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree the
19 Executive Director of the Board may, without further notice to or opportunity to be heard by
20 Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order on behalf of the Board:

21 **ORDER**

22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No. A 69360, issued
23 to Respondent PETER CHRISTOPHER BENSON, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the
24 Board.

25 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate and the
26 acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline
27 against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part
28 of Respondent's license history with the Board.

1 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a physician and surgeon in
2 California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

3 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was
4 issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.

5 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in
6 the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must
7 comply with all the laws, regulations, and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or
8 surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations
9 contained in Accusation No. 800-2024-111211 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted
10 by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

11 4. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
12 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
13 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2024-111211 shall
14 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
15 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

16 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or
17 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of
18 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2024-111211 shall
19 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of
20 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

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1 ACCEPTANCE

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

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8 DATED: 10/21/25 Peter C Benson M.D.
9 PETER CHRISTOPHER BENSON, M.D.
Respondent

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11 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent PETER CHRISTOPHER BENSON, M.D.
12 the terms and conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and
13 Order. I approve its form and content.

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15 DATED: 10/21/2025 Daniel Horowitz
16 DANIEL HOROWITZ
Attorney for Respondent

17 ENDORSEMENT

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19 The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted
20 for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

21 DATED: October 24, 2025 Respectfully submitted,
22 ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
23 GREG W. CHAMBERS
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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2024-111211

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A C C U S A T I O N

14 **Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate**
15 **No. A 69360,**

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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 July 30, 1999, the Medical Board issued Physician's & Surgeon's
23 Certificate Number A 69360 to Peter Christopher Benson, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's
24 & Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought
25 herein and will expire on October 31, 2026, unless renewed.

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1 **JURISDICTION**

2 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws.

3 All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.

4 4. Section 2227 of the Code provides, in part, that a licensee who is found guilty under the
5 Medical Practice Act may have his or her license revoked, suspended for a period not to exceed one
6 year, placed on probation and required to pay the costs of probation monitoring, or such other
7 action taken in relation to discipline as the Board deems proper.

8 5. Section 822 of the Code states:

9 If a licensing agency determines that its licentiate's ability to practice his or her
10 profession safely is impaired because the licentiate is mentally ill, or physically ill
11 affecting competency, the licensing agency may take action by any one of the following
12 methods:

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

13 (b) Suspending the licentiate's right to practice.

14 (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

15 (d) Taking such other action in relation to the licentiate as the licensing agency in
its discretion deems proper.

16 The licensing section shall not reinstate a revoked or suspended certificate or
17 license until it has received competent evidence of the absence or control of the
18 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.

19 **COST RECOVERY**

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

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1 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

2 7. Respondent is an emergency room physician at all times practicing in California.

3 8. On August 15, 2024, CEP America-California, dba Vituity, restricted Respondent's
4 practice and credentialing status for failure to complete a formal health assessment.

5 9. On June 28, 2025, Respondent underwent an evaluation by a Board appointed
6 psychiatrist.

7 10. In a report dated June 28, 2025, the Board appointed psychiatrist opined that
8 Respondent has an illness or condition that "impacts his ability to safely engage in the practice of
9 medicine."

10 **CAUSE FOR ACTION**

11 **(Impairment Affecting Competency)**

12 11. The allegations in paragraphs 7 - 10 above are incorporated by reference as if set out in
13 full.

14 12. Respondent Peter Christopher Benson, M.D., is subject to action under Code sections
15 822 and 2227, in that, due to an illness, Respondent's ability to practice medicine safely is impaired.

16 **PRAYER**

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

19 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 69360, issued
20 to Respondent Peter Christopher Benson, M.D.;

21 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Respondent Peter Christopher Benson,
22 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

23 3. Ordering Respondent Peter Christopher Benson, M.D. to pay the Board the cost of the
24 probation monitoring if placed on probation; and

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4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: SEP 12 2025



REJI VARGHESE
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