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

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 800-2022-088357

13 **JAMES ALEXANDER SAADI, M.D.**
356 Grape Vine Trl
Oswego, IL 60543

**DEFAULT DECISION
AND ORDER**

[Gov. Code, §11520]

14 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A
37750**

15 Respondent.
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17 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

18 1. On or about April 24, 2025, Complainant Reji Varghese, in his official capacity as the
19 Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, filed
20 Accusation No. 800-2022-088357 against JAMES ALEXANDER SAADI, M.D. (Respondent)
21 before the Medical Board of California.

22 2. On or about November 30, 1981, the Medical Board of California (Board) issued
23 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 37750 to Respondent. The Physician's and
24 Surgeon's Certificate expired on May 31, 2023, and has not been renewed. (Exhibit Package,
25 Exhibit 1, Certificate of Licensure.)¹
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27 ¹ The evidence in support of this Default Decision and Order is separately contained in the
28 "Exhibit Package."

1 3. On or about April 24, 2025, Sharee Woods, an employee of the Board, served by
2 Certified Mail a copy of the Accusation No. 800-2022-088357; Statement to Respondent; Notice
3 of Defense; Request for Discovery; and Discovery Statutes to Respondent's address of record
4 with the Board, which was and is 356 Grape Vine Trl, Oswego, IL 60543. (Exhibit Package,
5 Exhibit 2, Accusation Package, Proof of Service and USPS Tracking document.)

6 4. On or about May 30, 2025, the Board received from USPS the signed green card,
7 confirming delivery of the Accusation Package. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 3, signed USPS Green
8 Card.)

9 5. On August 28, 2025, an employee of the Attorney General's Office served by Fed Ex
10 delivery to Respondent's address of record a Courtesy Notice of Default, advising Respondent of
11 the service of the Accusation and providing Respondent with another opportunity to submit a
12 Notice of Defense. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 4, Courtesy Notice of Default, Proof of Service.)

13 6. The tracking shows that the Courtesy Notice of Default was served on Respondent on
14 August 29, 2025. (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 5, FedEx Delivery Confirmation of Courtesy Notice
15 of Default.)

16 7. The Accusation charges Respondent with causes for discipline under Business and
17 Professions Code sections 141 and 2305 (Out of State Discipline). The Board finds that the
18 following facts as alleged in the Accusation are true:

19 a. On or about May 6, 2022, the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing
20 Arts (MO Board) issued an order revoking Respondent's physician's and surgeon's
21 license no. 2014030829. (MO Order.)

22 b. On or about January 14, 2022, the MO Board held a meeting to determine whether
23 Respondent's physician's and surgeon's license was subject to discipline, pursuant
24 to 334.099.2, Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo).

25 c. The MO Board made the following determinations:

26 i. Respondent was licensed by the MO Board as a physician and surgeon,
27 license number 2014030829, issued on August 27, 2014, and which lapsed
28 on January 31, 2020, due to Respondent's failure to renew.

- 1 ii. On or about May 20, 2020, the Board issued an order finding that reasonable
2 cause existed to believe Respondent was unable to practice his profession as
3 a physician and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety to the public
4 because of medical or osteopathic incompetency and mental or physical
5 incapacity pursuant to section 334.099.1(1), RSMo. The Board ordered
6 Respondent to submit to a multidisciplinary competency examination
7 (hereinafter “examination order”) with a Board-approved provider within six
8 (6) months of the effective date of the order and to submit the examination
9 report directly to the MO Board.
- 10 iii. Prior to submitting to the examination, Respondent was required to provide
11 the MO Board with a list of facilities where Respondent intended to undergo
12 the examination and obtain approval.
- 13 iv. The MO Board mailed a copy of the examination order to the Respondent
14 and his attorney via certified mail. The MO Board did not receive
15 correspondence from Respondent seeking approval of any examination
16 facilities, and no examination report from a pre-approved facility was
17 received before November 20, 2020, when the report was due.
- 18 v. On or about April 14, 2021, the MO Board wrote Respondent, requesting
19 him to provide a report for the examination within fifteen (15) days from the
20 date of the letter. The April 14, 2021, letter was sent to Respondent’s last
21 address on file with the MO Board. In the letter, the MO Board again
22 notified Respondent that “failure to submit to the examination in a timely
23 manner shall be cause for revocation [...]” Respondent did not respond to
24 the April 14, 2021, letter from the MO Board, nor did he provide an
25 examination report.
- 26 vi. The Complaint in this matter was filed by the MO Board on December 28,
27 2021, seeking an affirmative decision against Respondent. Respondent was
28 provided with the Notice of Hearing and a copy of the Complaint, sent by

1 certified mail and regular USPS mailing to Respondent's last known address
2 on December 28, 2021. The Notice of Hearing identified the date and time
3 of the hearing as 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2022.

4 vii. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Complaint filed by the MO Board.

5 viii. Respondent did not appear for the hearing, nor was he represented by
6 counsel. No evidence was offered constituting good cause for Respondent's
7 failure to respond to the MO Board.

8 ix. Respondent did not submit to an examination as required by the examination
9 order issued by the MO Board on May 20, 2020, at the time of the MO
10 Board hearing on January 14, 2022.

11 x. The MO Board had cause to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to section
12 334.099.1(1), RSMo, and issue a default order without further proceedings,
13 pursuant to sections 324.045 and 536.067, RSMo.

14 d. Upon the MO Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law, the MO Board
15 revoked Respondent's physician's and surgeon's license, no. 2014030829.

16 8. The Board also incurred enforcement prosecution costs in the amount of \$4,976.50.

17 (Exhibit Package, Exhibit 6, Certification of Prosecution Costs.)

18 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

19 9. Business and Professions Code section 118 states, in pertinent part:

20 (b) "The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a
21 board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by
22 order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during
23 any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its
24 authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground
25 provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking
26 disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

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1 10. Business and Professions Code section 125.3 states, in pertinent part:

2 (a) "Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary
3 proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board,
4 upon request of the entity bringing the proceeding, the administrative law judge may direct a
5 licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to
6 exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case."

7 11. Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:

8 (a) "If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense, or, as applicable, notice of
9 participation, or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's
10 express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any
11 notice to respondent; and where the burden of proof is on the respondent to establish that the
12 respondent is entitled to the agency action sought, the agency may act without taking evidence."

13 12. Government Code section 11506 states in pertinent part:

14 (c) "The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a
15 notice of defense or notice of participation, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all
16 parts of the accusation . . . not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense or notice of
17 participation shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its
18 discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing. . . ."

19 Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon service of
20 the Accusation, and therefore waived his right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 800-
21 2022-088357.

22 13. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds
23 Respondent is in default. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the
24 provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c). Respondent failed to file a Notice
25 of Defense. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on Respondent's
26 express admissions by way of default and the evidence before it, contained in Exhibit Package,
27 Exhibits 1-5, finds that the allegations in Accusation No. 800-2022-088357 are true.

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DETERMINATION OF ISSUES

1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent JAMES ALEXANDER SAADI, M.D. has subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 37750 to discipline.

2. A copy of the Accusation and the related documents and Declaration of Service are attached here as Exhibit 2.

3. The Board has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.

4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, the Board is authorized to order Respondent to pay the Board the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of the case prayed for in the Accusation in the amount of \$4,976.50, based on the Certification of Costs attached as Exhibit 6 in the Exhibit Package.

5. The Medical Board of California is authorized to revoke Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation:

a. Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 141 and 2305.

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1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS SO ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 37750, heretofore
3 issued to Respondent JAMES ALEXANDER SAADI, M.D., is revoked. Respondent JAMES
4 ALEXANDER SAADI, M.D. is ordered to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and
5 enforcement of this case in the amount of \$4,976.50. The filing of bankruptcy by Respondent
6 shall not relieve Respondent of his responsibility to reimburse the Board for its costs.
7 Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate may not be renewed or reinstated unless all
8 costs ordered under Business and Professions Code section 125.3 have been paid. If Respondent
9 ever files an application for re-licensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Board
10 shall treat it as a position for reinstatement of a revoked license. Respondent must comply with all
11 the laws, regulations, and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time
12 the petition is filed.

13 **Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a**
14 **written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on**
15 **within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent.** The Board in its discretion
16 may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the
17 statute.

18 This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 2026.

19 It is so ORDERED December 30, 2025.

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21 *Sharlene Smith* For
22 REJI VARGHESE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
23 FOR THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
24 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
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A C C U S A T I O N

16 **Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate**
17 **No. A 37750,**

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
(Board).

21 2. On or about November 30, 1981, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's
22 Certificate Number A 37750 to James Alexander Saadi, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and
23 Surgeon's Certificate expired on May 31, 2023, and has not been renewed.

24 **JURISDICTION**

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

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4. Section 141 of the Code states:

“(a) For any licensee holding a license issued by a board under the jurisdiction of the department, a disciplinary action taken by another state, by any agency of the federal government, or by another country for any act substantially related to the practice regulated by the California license, may be a ground for disciplinary action by the respective state licensing board. A certified copy of the record of the disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country shall be conclusive evidence of the events related therein.

(b) Nothing in this section shall preclude a board from applying a specific statutory provision in the licensing act administered by that board that provides for discipline based upon a disciplinary action taken against the licensee by another state, an agency of the federal government, or another country.”

5. Section 2000 of the Code states:

“This chapter [Chapter 5. Medicine §§ 2000-2529.6] shall be known and may be cited as the Medical Practice Act. Whenever a reference is made to the Medical Practice Act by the provisions of this statute, it is to be construed as referring to the provisions of this chapter.”

6. Section 2305 of the Code states:

“The revocation, suspension, or other discipline, restriction or limitation imposed by another state upon a license or certificate to practice medicine issued by that state, or the revocation, suspension, or restriction of the authority to practice medicine by any agency of the federal government, that would have been grounds for discipline in California of a licensee under this chapter shall constitute grounds for disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct against the licensee in this state.”

COST RECOVERY

7. 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. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be

1 included in a stipulated settlement.

2 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

3 8. On or about May 6, 2022, the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing
4 Arts (MO Board) issued an order revoking Respondent's physician's and surgeon's license, no.
5 2014030829 (MO Order). A true and correct copy of this order is attached as Exhibit A and
6 incorporated by reference herein.

7 9. On or about January 14, 2022, the MO Board held a meeting to determine whether
8 Respondent's physician's and surgeon's license was subject to discipline, pursuant to 334.099.2,
9 Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo).

10 10. The MO Board made the following determinations:

- 11 a. Respondent was licensed by the MO Board as a physician and surgeon, license
12 number 2014030829, issued on August 27, 2014, and which lapsed on January 31,
13 2020, due to Respondent's failure to renew.
- 14 b. On or about May 20, 2020, the Board issued an order finding that reasonable cause
15 existed to believe Respondent was unable to practice his profession as a physician
16 and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety to the public because of medical or
17 osteopathic incompetency and mental or physical incapacity pursuant to section
18 334.099.1(1), RSMo. The MO Board ordered Respondent to submit to a
19 multidisciplinary competency examination (hereinafter "examination order") with a
20 Board-approved provider within six (6) months of the effective date of the order and
21 to submit the examination report directly to the MO Board.
- 22 c. Prior to submitting to the examination, Respondent was required to provide the MO
23 Board with a list of facilities where Respondent intended to undergo the
24 examination and obtain approval.
- 25 d. The MO Board mailed a copy of the examination order to Respondent and his
26 attorney via certified mail. The MO Board did not receive correspondence from
27 Respondent seeking approval of any examination facilities, and no examination
28 report from a pre-approved facility was received before November 20, 2020, when

- 1 the report was due.
- 2 e. On or about April 14, 2021, the MO Board wrote Respondent, requesting him to
- 3 provide a report for the examination within fifteen (15) days from the date of the
- 4 letter. The April 14, 2021, letter was sent to Respondent's last address on file with
- 5 the MO Board. In the letter, the MO Board again notified Respondent that "failure
- 6 to submit to the examination in a timely manner shall be cause for revocation [...]."
- 7 Respondent did not respond to the April 14, 2021, letter from the MO Board, nor
- 8 did he provide an examination report.
- 9 f. The Complaint in this matter was filed by the MO Board on December 28, 2021,
- 10 seeking an affirmative decision against Respondent. Respondent was provided with
- 11 the Notice of Hearing and a copy of the Complaint, sent by certified mail and
- 12 regular USPS mailing to Respondent's last known address on December 28, 2021.
- 13 The Notice of Hearing identified the date and time of the hearing as 5:00 p.m. on
- 14 January 14, 2022.
- 15 g. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Complaint filed by the MO Board.
- 16 h. Respondent did not appear for the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel. No
- 17 evidence was offered constituting good cause for Respondent's failure to respond to
- 18 the MO Board.
- 19 i. Respondent did not submit to an examination as required by the examination order
- 20 issued by the MO Board on May 20, 2020, at the time of the MO Board hearing on
- 21 January 14, 2022.
- 22 j. The MO Board had cause to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to section
- 23 334.099.1(1), RSMo, and issue a default order without further proceedings, pursuant
- 24 to sections 324.045 and 536.067, RSMo.
- 25 11. Upon the MO Board's findings of fact and conclusions of law, the MO Board
- 26 revoked Respondent's physician's and surgeon's license, no. 2014030829.
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1 CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

2 (Discipline, Restriction, or Limitation Imposed by Another State)

3 12. The allegations set forth in Paragraphs 8 through 11 are incorporated by reference as
4 if fully set out herein.

5 13. By reason of the facts stated in Paragraphs 8 through 11 above, Respondent is subject
6 to disciplinary action under sections 141 and 2305 of the Code (out-of-state discipline).

7 PRAYER

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

10 1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number A 37750,
11 issued to Respondent James Alexander Saadi, M.D.;

12 2. Revoking, suspending, or denying approval of Respondent James Alexander Saadi,
13 M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;

14 3. Ordering Respondent James Alexander Saadi, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the
15 investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation
16 monitoring; and

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

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19 DATED: APR 24 2025


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

EXHIBIT A



Mike Kehoe
Governor
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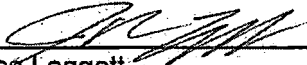
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AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared James Leggett who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

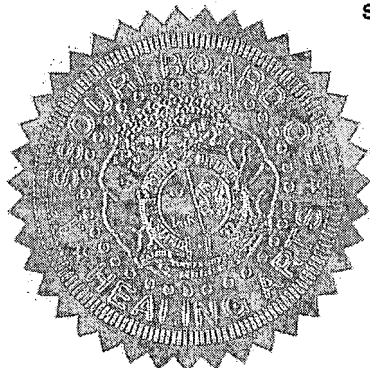
My name is James Leggett, I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

I am the Chief Custodian of Records of the Missouri State Board of Healing Arts. Attached hereto are six (6) pages of records from the Missouri Board of Healing Arts. These six (6) pages of records are kept by the Missouri Board of Healing Arts in the regular course of business, and it was the regular course of business of the Missouri Board of Healing Arts for an employee or representative of the Missouri Board of Healing Arts with knowledge of the act, event, condition, opinion, or diagnosis recorded to make the record or to transmit information thereof to be included in such record; and the record was made at or near the time of the act, event, condition, opinion or diagnosis. The records attached hereto are the original or exact duplicates of the original.


James Leggett
Executive Director

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal this 13th day of February, 2025.


Notary Public
My Commission Expires: November 30, 2027



KAYLEE BENNETT
Notary Public - Notary Seal
State of Missouri
Commissioned for Osage County
My Commission Expires: November 30, 2027
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**MISSOURI STATE BOARD OF
REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS**

v.

Respondent.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER OF REVOCATION IN DEFAULT

In reaching the decision stated in this Order, each member of the Board present at the hearing read and considered the Complaint filed on December 28, 2021 and the exhibits entered into evidence. The Complaint alleged Respondent's license is subject to discipline because Respondent failed to submit to a multidisciplinary competency examination through a Board approved provider within six (6) months of May 20, 2020, when the Board, pursuant to section 334.099.1(1), RSMo,

¹ All references to Missouri statute are to the Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo) (Cum. Supp. 2018), unless otherwise stated.

issued an order finding reasonable cause exists to believe Respondent is unable to practice his profession as a physician and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of medical or osteopathic incompetency and mental or physical incapacity.

During the hearing, the Board admitted into the record the Complaint and took official notice of the statutes and regulations referenced therein. Subsequently, the following exhibits were offered by Petitioner and admitted into evidence: Exhibit 1, May 20, 2020 Order from the Board finding reasonable cause exists; Exhibit 2, a copy of the April 14, 2021 Letter from the Board to Respondent via Certified mail and regular mail requesting a copy of the report from the multidisciplinary competency examination; Exhibit 3, Notice of Final Hearing served by the Board through certified and regular mail on December 28, 2021, establishing notice and service for Respondent's hearing before the Board on January 14, 2022.

Being fully advised, the Board now enters its findings of fact, conclusions of law and disciplinary order as set forth below.

Findings of Fact

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri, created and established pursuant to section 334.120, RSMo, for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo.
2. Respondent is licensed by the Board as a physician and surgeon, license number 2014030829, which was issued on August 27, 2014. Respondent's license lapsed on January 31, 2020 due to failure to renew.
3. On or about May 20, 2020, the Board issued an order finding that reasonable cause exists to believe Respondent is unable to practice his profession as a physician and surgeon with reasonable skill and safety to the public by reason of medical or osteopathic incompetency and mental or physical incapacity pursuant to section 334.099.1(1), RSMo.
4. The Board ordered Respondent to submit to a multidisciplinary competency examination (hereafter "examination") with a Board-approved provider within six (6) months of the effective date of the order and cause the report of the examination to be sent directly to the Board.

5. Prior to submitting the examination, Respondent was required to provide the Board with a list of facilities where Respondent intends to undergo the examination and obtain approval.
6. Paragraph 42 of the order warned that "Failure to submit to the examination in a timely manner shall be cause for the revocation of the license of Respondent or denial of application."
7. The Board mailed a copy of the May 20, 2020 order to the Respondent and his attorney via certified mail.
8. The Board did not received correspondence from Respondent seeking approval of any examination facilities; and no examination report from a pre-approved facility was received before November 20, 2020, when the report was due.
9. On or about April 14, 2021, the Board wrote Respondent, requesting him to provide a report of the examination within fifteen (15) days from the date of the letter.
10. The April 14, 2021 letter was sent to Respondent's last address on file with the Board. In the letter, the Board again notified Respondent that "failure to submit to the examination in a timely manner shall be cause for revocation [...]."
11. Respondent did not respond to the April 14, 2021 letter from the Board nor did he provide any examination report.
12. The Complaint in this matter was filed on December 28, 2021, seeking an affirmative decision against Respondent.
13. Respondent was provided with the Notice of Hearing and a copy of the Complaint, sent by certified and regular USPS mailing to Respondent's last known address on December 28, 2021.
14. The Notice of Hearing identified the date and time of the hearing as 5:00 pm on January 14, 2022.
15. Respondent did not file an Answer to the Complaint.
16. Respondent did not appear for the hearing, nor was he represented by counsel. No evidence has been offered constituting good cause for Respondent's failure to respond.
17. As of the date of the hearing, Respondent has not submitted to the examination as required by the

order issued by the Board on May 20, 2020.

Conclusions of Law

18. The Board has cause to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to section 334.099.2, which states:

334.099.2. Failure to submit to the examination when directed shall be cause for the revocation of the license of the licensee or denial of the application. No license may be reinstated or application granted until such time as the examination is completed and delivered to the board or the board withdraws its order.

19. Respondent's failure to plead or otherwise defend against the Complaint filed in this matter requires the Board to issue a default order without further proceedings, pursuant to sections 324.045 and 536.067, RSMo:

324.045.1 Notwithstanding any provision of chapter 536, in any proceeding initiated by the division of professional registration or any board, committee, commission, or office within the division of professional registration to determine the appropriate level of discipline or additional discipline, if any, against a licensee of the board, committee, commission, or office within the division, if the licensee against whom the proceeding has been initiated upon a properly pled writing filed to initiate the contested case and upon proper notice fails to plead or otherwise defend against the proceeding, the board, commission, committee, or office within the division shall enter a default decision against the licensee without further proceedings. The terms of the default decision shall not exceed the terms of discipline authorized by law for the division, board, commission, or committee. The division, office, board, commission, or committee shall provide the licensee notice of the default decision in writing.

536.067. (5) When a holder of a license, registration, permit, or certificate of authority issued by the division of professional registration or a board, commission, or committee of the division of professional registration against whom an affirmative decision is sought has failed to plead or otherwise respond in the contested case and adequate notice has been given under this section upon a properly pled writing filed to initiate the contested case under this chapter, a default decision shall be entered against the holder of a license, registration, permit, or certificate of authority without further proceedings. The default decision shall grant such relief as requested by the division of professional registration, board, committee, commission, or office in the writing initiating the contested case as allowed by law. Upon motion stating facts constituting a meritorious defense and for good cause shown, a default decision may be set aside. The motion shall be made within a reasonable time, not to exceed thirty days after entry of the default decision. "Good cause" includes a mistake or conduct that is not intentionally or recklessly designed to impede the administrative process.

20. The Board finds a default decision pursuant to sections 324.045 and 536.067, RSMo is required in

this matter because a contested case was correctly commenced, pursuant to section 536.063, RSMo, with the filing of the Complaint, a properly pleaded writing before the Board; notices were provided to Respondent pursuant to sections 536.067 and 536.070, RSMo; and Respondent failed to plead or otherwise respond to the allegations set forth in the Complaint.

21. The Board finds Respondent is in default and no good cause exists why the Board should not proceed to issue an Order.

Order of Revocation

22. Upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the ORDER of the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts that the physician and surgeon's license issued to Respondent, James A. Saadi, MD, number 2014030829, is hereby **REVOKED**.²
23. Pursuant to section 334.099.2, RSMo, Respondent's license may not be reinstated and he may not be granted a new application until such time he submits himself to the examination or the Board withdraws its May 20, 2020 order.
24. Respondent shall immediately cease practicing in the state of Missouri; and within fifteen (15) days of the effective date of this Order, he shall return his pocket card and license to the Board.
25. If Respondent is licensed in other jurisdictions, he shall forward written notice of this disciplinary action to the licensing authorities of those jurisdictions within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order. Respondent shall submit a copy of the written notice to the Board contemporaneously with sending it to the relevant licensing authority. If Respondent is not licensed in other jurisdictions, he shall notify the Board of that fact, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.
26. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, forward written notice of this disciplinary action to all employers, hospitals, nursing homes, out-patient centers, clinics and

² The due process is satisfied "as before a license is revoked, the physician has a meaningful hearing with notice and an effective opportunity to defend". *Artman v. State Bd. of Registration for Healing Arts*, 918 S.W.2d 247, 251 (Mo. 1996) (affirming the Board's order revoking a physician's license who failed to take an examination as ordered by the Board.)

any other facility where Respondent practices or has privileges. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the giving of such notice, submit a copy of the notice to the Board for verification by the Board or its designated representative. If Respondent does not have an employer, staff privileges or practice at any facility, he shall notify the Board of that fact, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

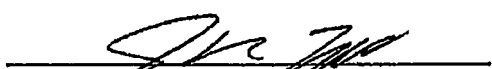
27. Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, forward written notice of this disciplinary action to any allied health care professionals that Respondent supervises. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the giving of such notice, submit a copy of the notice to the Board for verification by the Board or its designated representative. If Respondent does not supervise any allied health professionals, he shall notify the Board of that fact, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

28. For purposes of this Order and unless otherwise specified herein, all reports, documentation, evaluations, notices or other materials that Respondent is required to submit to the Board shall be forwarded to the Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, Attention: Enforcement, P.O. Box 4, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.

29. Respondent is advised that his compliance with the terms of this Order and the discharge of his professional obligation to transfer his patients' care and records to other providers will be assessed by the Board in the event he submits an application for reinstatement.

30. This document shall be maintained by the Board as an open and public record as provided in Chapters 324, 334 and 610, RSMo, and the Board will report this action to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2022.


James Leggett, Executive Director
Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts