

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

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

**Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D.**

**Physician's and Surgeon's  
Certificate No. A 66849**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 800-2020-068257**

**DECISION**

**The attached Stipulated Surrender of License 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 January 27, 2023.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED January 20, 2023.**

**MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA**



**Reji Varghese  
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6061 Banbury Street  
San Diego, California 92139  
  
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No.  
A 66849  
  
Respondent.

Case No. 800-2020-068257  
OAH No. 2022070224  
**STIPULATED SURRENDER OF  
LICENSE AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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

PARTIES

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

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1 2. Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney  
2 Nicole T. Irmer, Esq. and Kimberly J. Elkin, Esq., whose address is: 2550 Fifth Avenue, Suite  
3 1060  
4 San Diego, CA 92103.

5 3. On or about October 30, 1998, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate  
6 No. A 66849 to Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's  
7 Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation  
8 No. 800-2020-068257 and will expire on October 31, 2022, unless renewed.

9 4. On or about August 9, 2022, Respondent and Complainant entered into a Stipulation  
10 Between Parties Re: Interim Suspension Order, immediately suspending Physician's and  
11 Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849, and prohibiting Respondent from practicing medicine in the  
12 State of California. As a result, Respondent remains suspended from the practice of medicine  
13 pending the issuance of a final decision on the Accusation.

14 **JURISDICTION**

15 5. On or about September 12, 2022, Accusation No. 800-2020-068257, was filed before  
16 the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily  
17 required documents were properly served on Respondent on September 12, 2022. Respondent  
18 timely filed her Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. 800-  
19 2020-068257 is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

20 **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

21 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the  
22 charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2020-068257. Respondent also has carefully read,  
23 fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License  
24 and Disciplinary Order.

25 7. Respondent is fully aware of her legal rights in this matter, including the right to a  
26 hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine  
27 the witnesses against her; the right to present evidence and to testify on her own behalf; the right  
28 to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of

1 documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other  
2 rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.

3 8. Having the benefit of counsel, Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently  
4 waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

5 **CULPABILITY**

6 9. Respondent admits that, at an administrative hearing, Complainant could establish a  
7 prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2020-068257,  
8 agrees that she has thereby subjected her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849 to  
9 discipline, and hereby surrenders her Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849 for the  
10 Board's formal acceptance.

11 10. Respondent further agrees that if she ever petitions for reinstatement of her  
12 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849, all charges and allegations contained in  
13 Accusation No. 800-2020-068257, shall be deemed true, correct, and fully admitted by  
14 Respondent for purposes of any such proceedings or any other licensing proceeding involving  
15 Respondent in the State of California or elsewhere.

16 11. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation she enables the Executive  
17 Director of the Board to issue an order, on behalf of the Board, accepting the surrender of her  
18 Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849 without further process.

19 **RESERVATION**

20 12. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this  
21 proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other  
22 professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or  
23 civil proceeding.

24 **CONTINGENCY**

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

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

9       15. The parties agree that this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order  
10 shall be null and void and not binding upon the parties unless approved and adopted by the  
11 Executive Director on behalf of the Board, except for this paragraph, which shall remain in full  
12 force and effect. Respondent fully understands and agrees that in deciding whether or not to  
13 approve and adopt this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, the Executive  
14 Director and/or the Board may receive oral and written communications from its staff and/or the  
15 Attorney General's Office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not disqualify the  
16 Executive Director, the Board, any member thereof, and/or any other person from future  
17 participation in this or any other matter affecting or involving Respondent. In the event that the  
18 Executive Director on behalf of the Board does not, in his discretion, approve and adopt this  
19 Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order, with the exception of this paragraph, it  
20 shall not become effective, shall be of no evidentiary value whatsoever, and shall not be relied  
21 upon or introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto. Respondent further agrees  
22 that should this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order be rejected for any reason  
23 by the Executive Director on behalf of the Board, Respondent will assert no claim that the  
24 Executive Director, the Board, or any member thereof, was prejudiced by its/his/her review,  
25 discussion and/or consideration of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order or  
26 of any matter or matters related hereto.

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1 5. Respondent shall pay the agency its costs of investigation and enforcement in the  
2 amount of \$6,421.25 (six thousand four hundred and twenty one dollars and twenty five cents)  
3 prior to issuance of a new or reinstated license.

4 6. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or  
5 petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of  
6 California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation, No. 800-2020-068257 shall  
7 be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of  
8 Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

9 **ACCEPTANCE**

10 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order and  
11 have fully discussed it with my attorneys Nicole Irmer, Esq. and Kimberly J. Elkin, Esq. I  
12 understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.  
13 I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of License and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly,  
14 and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Disciplinary Order of the Medical  
15 Board of California.

16 DATED: 10/03/2022

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*Susan Eisenberg*  
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17 DATED: 10/03/2022

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BRIDGET MERCY CHEN, M.D. by and  
through Susan Eisenberg and Jon McTeer,  
her attorneys in fact.  
*Respondent*

20 DATED: 10/04/2022

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NICOLE T. IRMER, ESQ.,  
*Attorney for Respondent*

21 DATED: 10/04/2022

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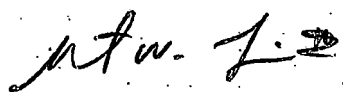
ENDORSEMENT

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

DATED: 11/1/22

Respectfully submitted,

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**Exhibit A**

**Accusation No. 800-2020-068257**

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**ACCUSATION**

Complainant alleges:

**PARTIES**

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2. On or about October 30, 1998, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849 to Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and

1 Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought  
2 herein and will expire on October 31, 2022, unless renewed.

3 3. On August 9, 2022, an Interim Suspension Order was issued suspending  
4 Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. Her license is still suspended.

5 **JURISDICTION**

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

9 4. Section 822 of the Code states:

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

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

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

15 (c) Placing the licentiate on probation.

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

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

22 **SECTION 822 CAUSE FOR ACTION**

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

24 5. Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849 is subject to action  
25 under section 822, of the Code, in that Respondent's ability to practice medicine safely is  
26 impaired because she is mentally ill and/or physically ill which is affecting her competency.

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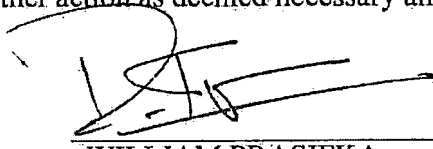
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WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. A 66849, issued to Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D.;
2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D.'s authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;
3. Ordering Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D., to pay the Board the costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
4. Ordering Respondent Bridget Mercy Chen, M.D., if placed on probation, to provide patient notification in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 2228.1;
5. Taking action as authorized by section 822 of the Code as the Medical Board, in its discretion, deems necessary and proper; and
6. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: SEP 12 2022



For: WILLIAM PRASIFKA  
Executive Director  
Medical Board of California  
Department of Consumer Affairs  
State of California  
*Complainant*

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