

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

3 **GEORGE D. KARALIS, M.D**

4 Holder of License No. 6654
5 For the Practice of Medicine
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-22-0138A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER OF
LICENSE AND CONSENT TO THE
SAME**

7 George D. Karalis, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a
8 hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the
9 jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") as well as the facts stated herein; and
10 consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

11 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

12 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
13 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

14 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 6654 for the practice of
15 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

16 3. The Board initiated case number MD-22-0138A after receiving Respondent's
17 2021 renewal application wherein he disclosed a recent conviction for fraud and a pending
18 disciplinary action filed by the Medical Board of California ("California Board") against his
19 license in that state.

20 4. On February 15, 2022, Respondent was sentenced to one count of Theft of
21 Government Property in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 641 in USDC case number CR-21-00266-
22 001 CRB.

23 5. Effective March 10, 2022, The California Board issued a Decision accepting
24 the stipulated surrender of Respondent's California medical license as a Decision and
25 Order in case 800-2019-054579.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
3 Respondent.

4 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
5 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(d) ("Committing a felony, whether or not
6 involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case,
7 conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive
8 evidence of the commission.").

9 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
10 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(p) ("Having action taken against a doctor of
11 medicine by another licensing or regulatory jurisdiction due to that doctor's mental or
12 physical inability to engage safely in the practice of medicine or the doctor's medical
13 incompetence or for unprofessional conduct as defined by that jurisdiction and that
14 corresponds directly or indirectly to an act of unprofessional conduct prescribed by this
15 paragraph. The action taken may include refusing, denying, revoking or suspending a
16 license by that jurisdiction or a surrendering of a license to that jurisdiction, otherwise
17 limiting, restricting or monitoring a licensee by that jurisdiction or placing a licensee on
18 probation by that jurisdiction.").

19 4. The Board possesses statutory authority to enter into a consent agreement
20 with a physician and accept the surrender of an active license from a physician who
21 admits to having committed an act of unprofessional conduct. A.R.S. § 32-1451(T)(2).

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1 **ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Respondent immediately surrender License
3 Number 6654, issued to George D. Karalis, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in
4 the State of Arizona, and return his certificate of licensure to the Board.

5 DATED and effective this 6th day of April, 2023.

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7 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

8 By: Patricia E. McSorley
9 Patricia E. McSorley
10 Executive Director

11 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

12 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
13 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
14 acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

15 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
16 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

17 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights
18 to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to
19 challenge this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of
20 action related thereto or arising from said Order.

21 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
22 Executive Director.

23 5. All admissions made by Respondent in this Order are solely for final
24 disposition of this matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil
25 litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent
are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or

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ENVELOPE

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NO

1 federal government regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the
2 State of Arizona or any other state or federal court.

3 6. Notwithstanding any language in this Order, this Order does not preclude in
4 any way any other State agency or officer or political subdivision of this state from
5 instituting proceedings, investigating claims, or taking legal action as may be appropriate
6 now or in the future relating to this matter or other matters concerning Respondent,
7 including but not limited to, violations of Arizona's Consumer Fraud Act. Respondent

8 acknowledges that, other than with respect to the Board, this Order makes no
9 representations, implied or otherwise, about the views or intended actions of any other
10 state agency or officer or political subdivisions of the State relating to this matter or other
11 matters concerning Respondent.

12 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy
13 thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the
14 entry of the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
15 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
16 by the parties.

17 8. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
18 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
19 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

20 9. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
21 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
22 prejudgment or other similar defense.

23 10 ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

24 George D. Karalis, M.D.
25 GEORGE D. KARALIS, M.D.

Dated: 3-21-23

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by
US Mail this 16th day of April, 2023 to:

George D. Karalis, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this
16th day of April, 2023 with:

The Arizona Medical Board
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Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Michelle Prodes
Board staff