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IN THE MATTER OF:

ZAHID IMRAN, M.D.
(Certificate No. 11630R),
Respondent

**STIPULATION AND
AGREEMENT FOR
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

This *Stipulation and Agreement* is made by Zahid Imran, M.D. (“Dr. Imran”); a physician who at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein is licensed by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the “Board”) to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No.11630R.

1. ***Acknowledgment and Stipulations.*** Dr. Imran hereby acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that:

- (a) On or about May 14, 2013, a superseding indictment was filed against Dr. Imran in the United States District Court, Middle District of Louisiana, charging him with one (1) count of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud and (1) count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and to Receive and Pay Kickbacks, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1349 and 1347, respectively, each of which is a felony under the laws of the United States.¹
- (b) These allegations arose out of Dr. Imran's practice as a Psychiatrist at two community mental health clinics; Shifa Community Mental Health Center and Serenity Center. In addition, Dr. Imran was a co-owner of the Shifa facility. According to court documents, the Shifa facilities submitted claims to Medicare totaling more than \$258 million during the course of the approximate seven year period of the conspiracy.

¹*Superseding Indictment, United States of America vs. Zahid Imran, M.D., U. S. Dist. Ct., MDLA, Cr. Docket No. 12-73-BAJ-SCR (May 2, 2013).*

- (c) On or about May 14, 2014, Dr. Imran plead guilty to the charge of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud (18 USC 349). He is currently awaiting sentencing.
- (d) Predicated upon the foregoing information, the Investigating Officer assigned by the Board with respect to this matter determined that reasonable cause existed such that a formal Administrative Complaint could be filed against Dr. Imran, charging him with violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A(1) and (2).²
- (e) Without admitting the accuracy of the information described hereinabove or any violation of the Act, as evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Imran, nonetheless, acknowledges that the reported information could provide the Investigating Officer with probable cause to pursue formal administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1285(A)(1) and (2), and, further, that proof of such information upon administrative evidentiary hearing could establish grounds under the Act for the suspension, revocation or imposition of such other terms, conditions or restrictions on his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana as the Board might deem appropriate.
- (f) By law, pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§37:1261, *et seq.*, and the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*, Dr. Imran would be entitled, prior to final disciplinary action against his medical license, to have notice of the allegations and charges asserted against him and to administrative adjudication of such charges, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* At such hearing Dr. Imran would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.*

2. ***Voluntary Surrender of License.*** Notwithstanding his right to notice of formal charges, administrative hearing and a decision thereon, as provided by La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, in recognition of the stipulations set forth hereinabove, Dr. Imran hereby voluntarily surrenders to the Board for cancellation of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 11630R. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Imran also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Stipulation to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose as necessary and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation, and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960.

²Pursuant to the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285A, the Board may take action against the license of a physician as the result of: (1) Conviction of a crime or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge constituting a felony under the laws of Louisiana or of the United States; (2) Conviction of a crime or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to any criminal charge arising out of or in connection with the practice of medicine;

3. ***Effect of Voluntary Surrender of License.*** Although Dr. Imran acknowledges that the surrender of his medical license and the Board's acceptance of this agreement will terminate his ability to practice medicine in Louisiana as of the effective date of this agreement; Dr. Imran enters this agreement on the condition that the surrender of his medical license does not result in the permanent cancellation of his medical license. Dr. Imran further stipulates and agrees that in the event he should apply for reinstatement of his medical license, any such application shall be subject to all rules and regulations of the Board and that reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be at the sole discretion of the Board and upon whatever probationary terms, conditions and restrictions that it may then determine to be appropriate. In addition, Dr. Imran acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that no request for reinstatement shall be considered by the Board until and unless Dr. Imran has: (1) been released from incarceration and completed any period of probation imposed by the court; (2) demonstrated clinical competency in a manner satisfactory to the Board and successfully completed any recommended remediation or training; (2) completed a comprehensive medical/psychiatric evaluation and be deemed competent to resume the practice of medicine and (3) scheduled and met with the Investigating Officer to discuss his then-current status and plans.

4. ***Termination of Proceedings.*** By the voluntary surrender of his medical license, Dr. Imran, moreover, acknowledges, stipulates and agrees that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of this document in any court or other forum relating to the matters referred to herein.

5. ***Advice of Counsel.*** Dr. Imran acknowledges that he has had the opportunity to seek the advice and guidance of legal counsel with respect to this Stipulation and that all of the terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations contained herein have been explained to him and/or that he fully understands them.

6. ***Public Record.*** Dr. Imran acknowledges, stipulates, and agrees that this Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License shall be and shall be deemed to be a public record.

**STIPULATION
AND AGREEMENT**

I, ZAHID IMRAN, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept, stipulate, agree and consent to entry of the above and foregoing this 3 day of September, 2014.

Z Imran

ZAHID IMRAN, M.D.

WITNESSES:

Angela Lavant

Signature

Angela favorite

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Alice Hawkins

Signature

Alice Hawkins

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Sworn to and subscribed before me at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 3 day of SEPTEMBER, 2014, in the presence of the two stated witnesses.

[Signature]

Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

ROBERT C. BARRETT, JR

Printed Name/Notary # LA BAR No. 02817

ACCEPTANCE

CONSIDERING THE ABOVE AND FOREGOING, the Stipulation and Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Medical License is hereby **APPROVED AND ACCEPTED** by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, this 30th day of September, 2014, effective immediately.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
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BY:



MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
PRESIDENT