

THE STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS
State of Missouri

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION)	
FOR THE HEALING ARTS,)	
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Petitioner,)	
vs.)	Case No. 2008-003046
)	
AJIT TRIKHA, M.D.,)	
)	
Respondent.)	

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND
ORDER REVOKING THE LICENSE OF AJIT TRIKHA, M.D.**

The Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts, pursuant to notice and at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 24, 2008, took up a complaint alleging that Ajit Trikha, M.D., had been convicted of a felony, and was therefore subject to license revocation pursuant to the provisions of § 334.103.1 RSMo.

The Board was represented by its general counsel, Sreenu Dandamudi. Dr. Trikha failed to appear. Division of Professional Registration Senior Legal Counsel David Barrett served as the Board's legal advisor at the hearing, during deliberations, and in preparing this Order. Testimony was adduced, an exhibit was received into evidence, and argument was heard. The Board now enters its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Revoking the Physician and Surgeon's License of Ajit Trikha, M.D.

Findings of Fact

1. The Board of Registration for the Healing Arts (Board) is an agency of the State of Missouri, created and established pursuant to § 334.120 RSMo., for the purpose of executing and enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo.

2. Ajit Trikha, M.D., was licensed as a physician and surgeon, number R8J25, on July 1, 1989. That license expired on January 31, 2008, and has not been renewed.

3. On June 26, 2007, Dr. Trikha entered a plea of guilty to one count of Medicare fraud and one count of Medicaid fraud, both felony criminal offenses, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

4. Medicare and Medicaid fraud are reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the profession; an essential element of each offense is fraud and/or dishonesty; and each offense involves moral turpitude.

5. Notice of the instant hearing was sent to Dr. Trikha by first class mail to his address of record. The notice has not been returned to the Board.

Conclusions of Law

A. Dr. Trikha committed felony criminal offenses reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of the profession; of which essential elements were fraud and/or dishonesty; and involving moral turpitude.

B. Dr. Trikha had notice of these proceedings.

C. Pursuant to the provisions of § 334.103.1 RSMo., the Board has no choice in these circumstances but to revoke Dr. Trikha's license as a physician and surgeon.

D. Pursuant to § 334.100.5 RSMo., in any order of revocation the Board may provide that the person may not apply for reinstatement of the person's license for a period of time ranging from two to seven years following the date of the order of revocation; stay orders toll this time period.

Disciplinary Order

Upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, it is the decision and order of the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts that the physician's license of Ajit Trikha, M.D., be and is hereby REVOKED.

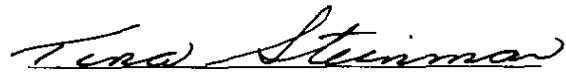
Dr. Trikha shall immediately cease the practice of the healing arts, and shall within ten days of the date of this order return all indicia of licensure to the Board.

Dr. Trikha shall not apply for reinstatement for a period of seven years from the date of this order, and any premature application for reinstatement shall be summarily rejected under the authority of this order.

Dr. Trikha is cautioned that his obedience to the terms of this order and his discharge of his professional obligation to transfer his patients' care and records to other physicians will be assessed by the Board upon any application for reinstatement.

So ordered this 29 day of October, 2008.

**State Board of Registration for the
Healing Arts**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Tina Steinman".

Tina Steinman
Executive Director