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NEW YORK state department of

> Sue Kelly Executive Deputy Commissioner

June 12, 2012

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Uma R. Gullapalli, M.D. REDACTED

Re: License No. 172500

Dear Dr. Gullapalli:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 12-119. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect June 19, 2012.

If the penalty imposed by this Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension, you are required to deliver your license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of this Order to: Office of Professional Medical Conduct, c/o Physician Monitoring Unit, New York State Department of Health, 433 River Street, Suite 1000, Troy, NY 12180-2299.

If your license is framed, please remove it from the frame and <u>only send the parchment paper</u> that your name and license number is printed on. Our office is unable to store framed licenses.

If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect. Enclosed for your convenience is an affidavit. Please complete and sign the affidavit before a notary public and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

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Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D. Executive Secretary Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

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BPMC No. 12-119

IN THE MATTER

SURRENDER

OF

ORDER

UMA GULLAPALLI, M.D. CO-11-04-2367-A

Upon the application of **UMA GULLAPALLI**, **M.D.**, (Respondent), to Surrender her license to practice medicine in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Surrender, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that Respondent's name be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Surrender Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Surrender Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Surrender of License or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE 6/11/2012

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KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D. Chair State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

SURRENDER

OF LICENSE

UMA GULLAPALLI, M.D. CO-11-04-2367-A

UMA GULLAPALI.I, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about September 28, 1987, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 172500 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 202 James Coleman Drive #B, Victoria, Texas 77904.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two (2) Specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A," is attached to and part of this Surrender of License.

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of New York on the grounds that I do not contest the First Specification.

I ask the Board to accept the surrender of my license, and I agree to be bound by all of the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

I understand that if the Board does not accept my Surrender of License none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Surrender of License shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board accepts the surrender of my license, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Surrender Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Surrender Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Surrender Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Surrender of License, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Surrender Order, this Surrender of License, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department's website.

I ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License, which I submit of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Surrender of License, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Surrender Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and I agree to be bound by the Surrender Order.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Surrender of License and Surrender Order, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

Date: 6 - -, 2012

REDACTED

UMA GULLAPALLI, M.D. Respondent The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Surrender of License and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

June 6 ,2012 Date:

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JUDE B. MULVEY Associate Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: ,2012

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KEITH W. SERVIS Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

UMA GULLAPALLI, M.D. CO-11-04-2367-A

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

UMA GULLAPALLI, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on September 28, 1987 by the issuance of license number 172500 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about September 22, 2011, the State of Texas, Texas Medical Board, (hereinafter "Texas Board"), by an Agreed Order (hereinafter "Texas Order"), inter alia, suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine for 90 calendar days after the signing of the Texas Order, and placed her on probation under terms including but not limited to practice monitor terms; a request to modify her Drug Enforcement Administration Controlled Substances Registration Certificate and Texas Controlled Substances Registration Certificate to eliminate Schedules II through IV; a prohibition from treating patients with opioids, benzodiazepines, barbiturates or carisprodal; successfully pass the Medical Jurisprudence Examination given by the Texas Board within one year of the Order; complete 24 aggregate hours of Continuing Medical Education in the areas of ethics, record keeping and treatment of chronic pain, and a fine of \$5,000 based upon improperly mailing prescription refills for controlled substances to patients without examining the patients, improperly pre-signing prescriptions, failing to secure blank prescription forms and allowing individuals without proper credentials and/or licenses to assess patients without required supervision.

B. The conduct resulting in the Texas Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state law:

New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion).

 New York Education Law §6530(11) (permitting unlicensed person to perform activities requiring a license).

New York Education Law §6530(25) (improper delegation of professional responsibilities).

SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530 (9)(d) by having her license to practice medicine suspended and/or having other disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the suspension and/or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

3/13 ,2012 DATED: Albany, New York

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PETER D. VAN BUREN Deputy Counsel Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct