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

IN THE MATTER

OF

THOMAS STEPHENSON, M.D.

BPMC No. 16-239

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER OF
SUMMARY

ACTION

TO: Thomas Stephenson, M.D.

The undersigned, Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D., Commissioner of Health, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230, upon the recommendation of a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, has determined that **Thomas Stephenson**, **M.D.**, Respondent, New York license number 107591, has pleaded or been found guilty or convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, federal law, or the law of another jurisdiction which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a felony under New York State law, as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached to the Notice of Referral Proceeding or Notice of Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law §230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Respondent shall not practice medicine in the State of New York, <u>or practice</u> in any setting under the authority of Respondent's New York license.

Any practice of medicine in violation of this Order shall constitute Professional Misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(29) and may constitute unauthorized medical practice, a Felony defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §6512.

This Order shall remain in effect until the final conclusion of a hearing which shall commence within ninety days of the service of this order and shall end within ninety days thereafter. The hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Pub. Health Law

§230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act §§301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on a date and at a location to be set forth in a written Notice of Hearing or Notice of Referral Proceeding provided to the Respondent contemporaneously with this Order.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A

DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE

MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE REVOKED OR

SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT YOU BE FINED OR SUBJECT

TO OTHER SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC

HEALTH LAW §230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN

ATTORNEY TO REPRESENT YOU IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York July 5, 2016

> Howard A. Zucker, M.D., J.D. Commissioner of Health New York State Department of Health

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STATEMENT

OF

CHARGES

THOMAS STEPHENSON, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about November 25, 1970 by the issuance of license number 107591 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about January 26, 2016 in the United States District Court, for the Western District of New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, to the felony of Health Care Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347 and was sentenced to 12 months of probation, ordered to perform 200 hours of community service and fined \$25,000.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES CRIMINAL CONVICTION (Federal)

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ.

Law § 6530(9)(a)(ii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

DATE: July 🤄 , 2016 Albany New York

MICHAEL A. HISER

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