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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
ROBERT JOSEPH AQUINO, M.D.  
CO-12-01-0185-A

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COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER  
AND  
NOTICE OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

TO: Robert Joseph Aquino, M.D.  
REDACTED

The undersigned, Sue Kelly, Executive Deputy Commissioner of Health, pursuant to New York 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 **ROBERT JOSPEH AQUINO, M.D.**, Respondent, licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York on June 12, 1986 by license number 166358, has been convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under federal law, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, as is more fully set forth in the Statement of Charges attached, hereto, and made a part, hereof.

It is, therefore:

ORDERED, pursuant to New York Public Health Law §230(12)(b), effective immediately **ROBERT JOSEPH AQUINO, M.D.**, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated on a valid New York State license to practice medicine.

ANY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN VIOLATION OF THIS COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT WITHIN THE  
MEANING OF NEW YORK EDUCATION LAW §6530(29) AND MAY  
CONSTITUTE UNAUTHORIZED MEDICAL PRACTICE, A FELONY, DEFINED  
BY NEW YORK EDUCATION LAW §6512.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of New York Public Health Law §230 and New York State Administrative Procedure 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 the 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012, at 10:30 a.m., at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, at the offices of the New York State Health Department and at such other adjourned dates, times, and places as the committee may direct. Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges that is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel who shall be an attorney admitted to practice in New York state. Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on his behalf for the production of witnesses and documents, and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against him. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to §301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and adjournment requests are not, therefore, routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the New York State Department of Health, Division of Legal Affairs, Bureau of Adjudication, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Albany, NY 12204-2719, ATTENTION: HON. JAMES F. HORAN, ACTING DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF ADJUDICATION, and by telephone (518-402-0748), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, at least five

days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

**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  
Sept. 13, 2012

REDACTED

Sue Kelly  
Executive Deputy Commissioner of Health  
New York State Department of Health

Inquires should be addressed to:

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STATEMENT  
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CHARGES

ROBERT JOSEPH AQUINO, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on June 12, 1986, by the issuance of license number 166358 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about January 3, 2012, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Respondent pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Bribery, in violation of Title 18 of the United States Code Sections 1952(a)(3) and 371, a felony. On or about May 1, 2012, in United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Respondent was sentenced, *inter alia*, to four (4) months of imprisonment.

**SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law Section 6530(9)(a)(ii) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under federal law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

DATED: *Sept 13*, 2012  
Albany, New York

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