

Department of Health

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Malini Rao, M.D.

<u>Via Certified Mail</u> 7017 1450 0001 3297 0124 – Malini Rao, M.D. 7017 1450 0001 3291 0131 – Nathan Dembin, Esq.

Re.: BPMC Order No. 21-055

Dear Dr. Rao:

I am writing in regard to your Order of Conditions, BPMC No. 21-055, signed by you on or about March 4, 2021, which went into effect on March 18, 2021.

I refer you to Paragraph 9 of the Conditions contained in Exhibit "B" of this Order, which provides: "Licensee shall enroll in and successfully complete a continuing education program asdirected by the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC). This continuing education program is subject to the Director of OPMC's prior written approval." On July 28, 2021, OPMC notified you, in writing, that you were scheduled to take a course titled "PBI: Ethics and Professionalism ME-22 Extended," on August 14-15, 2021. You were advised that you must complete the course on these dates. OPMC has been notified that you failed to successfully complete this course as directed.

Further, Page 5 of your Order contains the following stipulation: "I understand and agree that my failure to comply with, successfully complete, or satisfy any of the material conditions of this Order, and/or any unsatisfactory report by the practice monitor (if any), shall vest the Director with the authority, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to vacate this agreement and shall permit the Director to pursue further investigation and/or prosecution of misconduct charges against me as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A" to the full extent authorized by the Public Health Law and the Education Law."

By this letter, based upon the foregoing and in the exercise of my reasonable discretion, I am exercising my authority to vacate Order of Conditions BPMC No. 21-055. Accordingly, BPMC Order No. 21-055, the Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230, is no longer in effect. The document has been removed from the Department of Health website.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation. Please direct any questions to your case manager.

Very truly yours,

Shelly Wang Bandago Interim Director Office of Professional Medical Conduct cc:

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