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Ammaji Manyam, Physician
135 Post Avenue
Apt. 1N
Westbury, New York 11590

Re: Application for Restoration

Dear Dr. Manyam:

Enclosed please find the Commissioner's Order regarding Case No. 96-168-60R which is in reference to Calendar No. 0015347. This order and any decision contained therein goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL J. KELLEHER
Director of Investigations

By: *Gustave Martine*

Gustave Martine
Supervisor

The University of the State of New York
Education  Department

IN THE MATTER

of the

Application of AMMAJI MANYAM
for restoration of his license to practice
as a physician in the State of New York

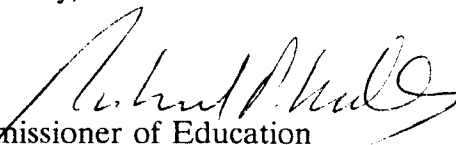
Case No. 96-168-60R

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ORDERED that the petition for restoration of License No. 153462, authorizing AMMAJI MANYAM to practice as a physician in the State of New York, is granted.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, RICHARD P. MILLS, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department at the City of Albany, this 7th day of January, 1997.


Commissioner of Education

Case No. 96-168-60R

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
The State Education Department

Report of the Committee on the Professions
Application for Restoration of Medical License

Re: Ammaji Manyam

Attorney: John Kase

Ammaji Manyam, 135 Post Avenue, Apartment 1 N, Westbury, New York 11590, petitioned for restoration of her medical license. The chronology of events is as follows:

- 03/11/83 Issued license number 153462 to practice medicine in New York State.
- 10/24/90 Found guilty of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree and Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree. (See "Disciplinary History.")
- 05/22/91 Charged with professional misconduct by Department of Health.
- 09/24/91 Regents Review Committee recommended revocation.
- 10/18/91 Board of Regents voted revocation.
- 11/24/91 Commissioner's Order effective.
- 01/16/93 Petition for restoration submitted.
- 08/18/95 Peer Panel restoration review.
- 04/10/96 Report and recommendation of Peer Review Panel. (See "Recommendation of the Peer Review Panel.")
- 10/08/96 Report and recommendation of Committee on the Professions. (See "Recommendation of the Committee on the Professions.")

Disciplinary History. (See attached report of the Regents Review Committee.) On October 24, 1990, Dr. Manyam was found guilty after a non-jury trial in County Court, County of Nassau, of one count of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony, and one count of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony. The factual basis of the criminal charges was that Dr. Manyam had agreed with others to steal money from the Medicaid

program by submitting blood specimens and test request forms containing false claims for payment when she knew that the tests ordered were not medically necessary. Dr. Manyam was sentenced to one year in jail on each count, sentences to run concurrently and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$26,476.21. On May 22, 1991, the Department of Health charged Dr. Manyam with professional misconduct in that she had been convicted of committing acts constituting crimes under New York State law.

On September 24, 1991, the Regents Review Committee (Batista, McKennan, Sclafani) recommended that Dr. Manyam's license be revoked. On October 18, 1991, the Board of Regents voted to revoke Dr. Manyam's license. The Commissioner's Order became effective on November 24, 1991.

Recommendation of the Peer Review Panel. (See attached report of the Peer Review Panel.) The Peer Review Panel (Gujavarty, Cordice, Cournos) met on August 18, 1995. In its report dated April 10, 1996, the Panel recommended that Dr. Manyam's license be restored.

Recommendation of the Committee on the Professions. On October 8, 1996, the Committee on the Professions (Duncan-Poitier, Ahearn, Muñoz) met with Dr. Ammaji Manyam to consider her petition for the restoration of her license as a physician in New York State. Dr. Manyam was accompanied by her attorney, Mr. John Kase.

Dr. Manyam opened the meeting by stating that the reason that she lost her license was because of her involvement in Medicaid fraud. She explained that she was found guilty and that she was incarcerated in April of 1992. She stated that she served eight months incarceration and that during this period of time her friends and colleagues sent her professional journals which she spent a great deal of time reading.

Dr. Manyam stated that after she completed her incarceration she stayed with her sister who is also a physician and, therefore, had additional access to medical information and reading while she was taking care of her sister's children. Dr. Manyam continued to explain her efforts toward pursuing continuing medical education. The Committee notes that these efforts are documented in the record of her petition. Dr. Manyam also explained that after she was released from prison she worked at a Burger King Restaurant cleaning floors and cooking to contribute to her self-support. She also stated that she had interviewed at a hospital but was not offered a job because she had no license.

Dr. Manyam said that her experience while incarcerated showed her how poor the medical services were that were being provided to inmates. During the time that she was an inmate she stated that

all inmates were treated badly in regard to their medical needs. After her conviction and during the time of her appeal, Dr. Manyam stated that she enjoyed her work treating the inmates at Rikers Island.

Dr. Manyam stated that she accepts full responsibility for her actions and that it was her improper conduct that resulted in the loss of her license. She explained that since the loss of her license she also did volunteer work at the Salvation Army, primarily cooking, cleaning, washing dishes, and working with people who had AIDS. Dr. Manyam's attorney, Mr. Kase, pointed out that all of her volunteer work was done on her own initiative and this was not a suggestion from her counsel.

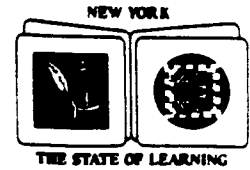
The Committee asked Dr. Manyam what she planned to do if her license was restored. Dr. Manyam replied that she intended to apply for a position at Rikers Island working in internal medicine. She explained that the Director at Rikers Island previously told her that she could have a job there.

After a complete review of the record, the Committee on the Professions notes that Dr. Manyam has demonstrated her remorse for her criminal conduct. The Committee also agrees with the Peer Review Panel of the State Board for Medicine that these criminal actions were an aberration from what has otherwise been a productive and unblemished career and that she is unlikely to ever repeat such conduct. The Committee accepts the judgment of the Peer Review Panel that petitioner has kept current in the practice of medicine. Therefore, after a complete review of the record, including Dr. Manyam's personal interview with the Committee on the Professions, the Committee voted unanimously to concur in the recommendation of the Peer Review Panel that Dr. Manyam's license to practice as a physician in the State of New York be restored.

Johanna Duncan-Poitier, Chair

Kathy A. Ahearn

Frank Muñoz



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OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE
ONE PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10016-5802

November 1, 1991

Ammaji Manyam, Physician
135 Post Avenue - Apt. 5C
Westbury, New York 11590

Re: License No. 153462

Dear Dr. Manyam:

Enclosed please find Commissioner's Order No. 12116. This Order goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter.

If the penalty imposed by the Order in your case is a revocation, surrender, or an actual suspension (suspension which is not wholly stayed) of your license, you must deliver your license and registration to this Department within ten (10) days after the date of this letter. Your penalty goes into effect five (5) days after the date of this letter even if you fail to meet the time requirement of delivering your license and registration to this Department.

If the penalty imposed by the Order in your case is a revocation or a surrender of your license, you may, pursuant to Rule 24.7 (b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents, a copy of which is attached, apply for restoration of your license after one year has elapsed from the effective date of the Order and the penalty; but said application is not granted automatically.

Very truly yours,

DANIEL J. KELLEHER
Director of Investigations

By:

GUSTAVE MARTINE
Supervisor

DJK/GM/er

CERTIFIED MAIL - RRR

cc: John L. Kase, Esq.
1325 Franklin Avenue
Garden City, New York 11530



The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

of the

Disciplinary Proceeding

against

AMMAJI MANYAM

No. 12116

who is currently licensed to practice
as a physician in the State of New York.

REPORT OF THE REGENTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

AMMAJI MANYAM, hereinafter referred to as respondent, was given due notice of this proceeding and informed that she could appear and be represented by an attorney.

On August 9, 1991, respondent appeared before us in person and was represented by her attorney, John L. Kase, Esq. David W. Smith, Esq., represented the Department of Health.

Petitioner's written recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed, should respondent be found guilty, was revocation.

Respondent's written recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed, should respondent be found guilty, was suspension or a direction to do volunteer work -- since the basis of the proceeding is not related to medical misconduct rather than economic misconduct.

Contrary to respondent's position, the pendency of an appeal being prosecuted in the underlying conviction is not a basis for delaying this matter until that appeal is determined. Paiano v.

AMMAJI MANYAM (12116)

Sobol, _____ A.D.2d _____ (3rd Dept. July 11, 1991); and Kirsch v. Board of Regents of University of State of New York, 79 A.D.2d 823 (3rd Dept. 1980).

We have reviewed the record in this matter; and our unanimous findings of fact, determination as to guilt, and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed follow:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent was licensed to practice as a physician in this State by the New York State Education Department.
2. Respondent was convicted of committing acts constituting crimes, as set forth in the statement of charges and the record herein, except that the crime of Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree is a class D felony.

DETERMINATION AS TO GUILT

The charge is based upon Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony, and Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class D felony, both involving respondent agreeing with others to steal money from the Medicaid program by submitting blood specimens and test request forms containing false claims for payment when respondent knew that the tests ordered were not medically necessary.

The charge, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A", has been proven by a preponderance of the evidence and respondent is guilty thereof.

AMMAJI MANYAM (12116)

**RECOMMENDATION AS TO THE
PENALTY TO BE IMPOSED**

Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked upon the charge of which respondent has been found guilty.

Respectfully submitted,

JORGE L. BATISTA

JOHN T. MCKENNAN

SALVATORE J. SCLAFANI



Chairperson

Dated:

Sept 24, 1991

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

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IN THE MATTER : STATEMENT
OF : OF
AMMAJI MANYAM, M.D. : CHARGES

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AMMAJI MANYAM, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on March 11, 1983 by the issuance of license number 153462 by the New York State Education Department. The Respondent is currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice medicine from January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1992.

SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct within the meaning of N.Y. Educ. Law Section 6509(5)(a)(i) (McKinney 1985), having been convicted of committing acts constituting crimes under New York State law in that:

On October 24, 1990, Respondent was found guilty after a non-jury trial in County Court County of Nassau, of one count of Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a Class E Felony (N.Y. Penal Law, Section 105.10), and one count of attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a Class C Felony (N.Y. Penal Law, Section 110/115.40[1]). Respondent was sentenced to one year in jail on each count, sentences to run

concurrently and ordered to pay restitution
in the amount of \$26,476.21.

DATED: New York, New York

May 22, 1991



CHRIS STERN HYMAN
Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF
EDUCATION OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

AMMAJI MANYAM

CALENDAR NO. 12116



The University of the State of New York

IN THE MATTER

OF

AMMAJI MANYAM
(Physician)

**DUPLICATE
ORIGINAL
VOTE AND ORDER
NO. 12116**

Upon the report of the Regents Review Committee, a copy of which is made a part hereof, the record herein, under Calendar No. 12116, and in accordance with the provisions of Title VIII of the Education Law, it was

VOTED (October 18, 1991): That the record herein be accepted; that the findings of fact, determination as to guilt, and recommendation as to the penalty to be imposed rendered by the Regents Review Committee in the matter of AMMAJI MANYAM, respondent, be accepted; that respondent is guilty of the charge by a preponderance of the evidence; the charge is based upon Conspiracy in the Fourth Degree, a class E felony, and Attempted Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class D felony, both involving respondent agreeing with others to steal money from the Medicaid program by submitting blood specimens and test request forms containing false claims for payment when respondent knew that the tests ordered were not medically necessary; that respondent's license and registration to practice as a physician in the State of New York be revoked upon the charge of which respondent has been found guilty; and that the Commissioner of Education be empowered to execute, for and on behalf of the Board of Regents, all orders necessary to carry out the terms of this vote;

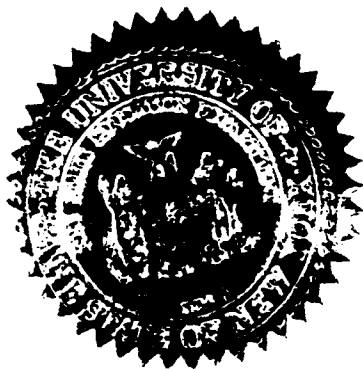
and it is

AMMAJI MANYAM (12116)

ORDERED: That, pursuant to the above vote of the Board of Regents, said vote and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted and **SO ORDERED**, and it is further

ORDERED that this order shall take effect as of the date of the personal service of this order upon the respondent or five days after mailing by certified mail.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Thomas Sobol, Commissioner of Education of the State of New York, for and on behalf of the State Education Department and the Board of Regents, do hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the State Education Department, at the City of Albany, this 22nd day of October, 1991.



Thomas Sobol
Commissioner of Education