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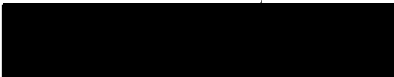
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October 15, 2007

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Kristappa Sangavaram, M.D.



RE: License No. 133746

Dear Dr. Sangavaram:

Enclosed is a copy of Order #BPMC 07-225 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 22, 2007.

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:

Board for Professional Medical Conduct
New York State Department of Health
Hedley Park Place, Suite 303
433 River Street
Troy, New York 12180

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management
New York State Department of Health
Coming Tower, Room 1258
Empire State Plaza
Albany, New York 12237

Sincerely,



Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: J. Barry Coccoziello, Esq.
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One Riverfront Plaza
Newark, NJ 07102

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

IN THE MATTER

CONSENT

OF

ORDER

KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D.

BPMC NO. 07-225

Upon the application of (Respondent), **KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D.** in the attached Consent Agreement and Order, which is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

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


ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either

by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or

upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 10-12-67


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
KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D.
[REDACTED]

CONSENT
AGREEMENT
AND ORDER

KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about March 17, 1978, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 133746 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is [REDACTED], and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of my address thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) 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 Consent Agreement.

I do not contest the two (2) Specifications, in full satisfaction of the charges against me, and agree to the following penalty:

Two (2) year suspension of my New York State license to practice medicine, stayed, with two (2) years probation, in accordance with Exhibit B, attached, hereto.

a \$10,000.00 fine.

The fine is to be paid within one (1) year of the effective date of this Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, Room 1258, Albany, NY 12237-0016.

Should Respondent return to the practice of medicine in State of New York or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is predicated upon my New York State medical license, Respondent shall provide ninety (90) days notice in writing, to the Director, OIPMC. The Director in his sole discretion, may impose whatever limitations, or further conditions, he deems appropriate.

I further agree that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education Law § 6502 including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register and continue to be registered with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Consent Order's effective date and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) in its administration and enforcement of this Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Order. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director of OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of this Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement 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 New York Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this agreement, 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 stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, 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 Consent Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director of OPMC and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Consent Order, based upon my application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.


AFFIRMED:

DATED: 9/19/07



KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D.
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.


DATE: 9/25/07


J. BARRY COCOZIELLO
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 03 October 2007


ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 10/11/07


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
KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D.
[REDACTED]

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

KRISTAPPA SANGAVARAM, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on March 17, 1978, by the issuance of license number 133746 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about April 19, 2007, the State of New Jersey, Department of Law & Public Safety, Division of Consumer Affairs, State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "New Jersey Board"), by a Consent Order (hereinafter "New Jersey Order"), inter alia, suspended Respondent's license to practice medicine for three (3) years, the first six (6) months active, the remainder stayed to be served as a period of probation during which his practice will be monitored, and required him to pay a \$40,000.00 civil penalty and \$210,000.00 costs, based on charging an excessive fee thereby violating or failing to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the New Jersey Board and use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation, false promise or false pretense, and professional misconduct; failing to have written procedures and policy at a surgical center thereby engaging in professional or occupational misconduct, and failing to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the New Jersey Board; operating/owning an unlicensed ambulatory surgical center and misrepresentation; failing to disclose his financial relationship to an entity providing designated health services and misrepresentation; continuing use of regional blocks on a patient using Coumadin endangering the life, health, welfare, and safety of a patient constituting gross negligence, gross malpractice, and gross incompetence; and lack of and/or inadequate documentation in treatment records and failing to document to support his bills for a patient constituting professional misconduct, and failing to comply with the provisions of any act or regulation administered by the New Jersey Board.

B. The conduct resulting in the New Jersey 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:

1. New York Education Law §6540(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);
2. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
3. New York Education Law §6530 (4) (gross negligence on more than one occasion);
4. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion);
5. New York Education Law §6530(6) (gross incompetence);
6. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with substantial provisions of federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of medicine);
7. New York Education Law §6530(17) (exercising undue influence on the patient);
8. New York Education Law §6530(20) (moral unfitness);
9. New York Education Law §6530(28) (failing to respond with thirty days to written communication from the department of health and to make available any relevant records);
10. New York Education Law §6530(32) (failure to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient); and/or
11. New York Education Law §6530(35) (ordering of excessive tests, treatment, or use of treatment facilities not warranted by the condition of the patient).

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 Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having his 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 license suspension and/or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *June 26*, 2007
Albany, New York


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

EXHIBIT "B"

Terms of Probation

1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by New York Education Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may Subject Respondent to an action pursuant to New York Public Health Law § 230(19).
2. Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.
4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
5. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
6. The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive 30 day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period shall resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
7. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts, and/or electronic records; and interviews with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
8. Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.

9. Within thirty days of the effective date of the order, Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC.
 - A. Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no fewer than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
 - B. Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
 - C. Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
 - D. Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.
10. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.