

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

RAFIQ SABIR, M.D.
CO-07-11-6941-A

**COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER
AND
NOTICE OF
REFERRAL
PROCEEDING**

TO: **RAFIQ SABIR, M.D.**
 Inmate No. 55312-066
 FCI Ashland
 Federal Correctional Institution
 P.O. Box 6001
 Ashland, KY 41105

The undersigned, Richard F. Daines, M.D., 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 **RAFIQ SABIR, M.D.**, Respondent, licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York on May 20, 1983, by license number 154190, has been convicted of committing acts constituting felonies under federal law in the United States District Court, Southern 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 **RAFIQ SABIR, 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. This Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to New York Public Health Law §230(12).

**ANY PRACTICE OF MEDICINE IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK IN
DEFIANCE 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 21st day of August 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180, 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. 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, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, Fifth Floor South, Troy, NY 12180, 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
July 14, 2008

Redacted Signature
RICHARD F. DAINES, M.D.
Commissioner of Health

New York State Department of Health

Inquires should be addressed to:

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STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

RAFIQ SABIR, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine as a Physician in New York State on May 20, 1983, by the issuance of license number 154190 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about November 28, 2007, in the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, Respondent was found guilty of Conspiracy to Provide Material Support or Resources to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §2339B and Provide and Attempt to Provide Material Support or Resources to a Designated Foreign Terrorist Organization, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§2339B and 2, felonies, and was sentenced to three hundred (300) months imprisonment, two (2) years supervised release upon release from confinement on each count to run concurrently, and a \$200.00 Assessment.

SPECIFICATION

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

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

DATED: *July 14*, 2008
Albany, New York

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