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

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IN THE MATTER  
OF  
ROBERT LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., M.D.  
CO-10-07-4142-A

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COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER  
AND  
NOTICE OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

TO: ROBERT LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., M.D.  
Register #06952-017  
Yazoo City Low Federal Correctional Institution  
PO Box 5000  
Yazoo City, MS 39194

ROBERT LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., M.D.

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The undersigned, Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H., 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 LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., M.D.**, Respondent, licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York on November 19, 1982, by license number 152523, has been convicted of committing an act constituting a felony under federal law, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, 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 LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., at Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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, 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  
April 21, 2011

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NIRAV R. SHAH, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health  
New York State Department of Health

Inquires should be addressed to:

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**STATEMENT**  
**OF**  
**CHARGES**

**ROBERT LEONARD IGNASIAK JR., M.D.**, Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on November 19, 1982, by the issuance of license number 152523 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about November 3, 2008, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Florida, Pensacola Division, Respondent was found guilty, after jury trial, of the felonies of 12 counts of Health Care Fraud, 5 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone and Diazepam, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone, Diazepam, and Clonazepam, 2 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone, 4 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone and Alprazolam, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Phentermine, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone, Diazepam, Clonazepam, and Morphine, Resulting in Death, 4 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Fentanyl, Diazepam, and Carisoprodol, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocone and Lorazepam, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Darvocet, 2 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone, Diazepam, and Fentanyl, 2 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone, Fentanyl, and Alprazolam, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Hydrocodone and Carisoprodol, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Fentanyl and Alprazolam, Resulting in Death, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Morphine and Alprazolam, 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Alprazolam, 2 counts of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Fentanyl and Diazepam, and 1 count of Unlawfully Dispensing a Quantity of Oxycodone, Hydrocodone and Alprazolam, and on or about January 27, 2009, was sentenced, inter alia, to 292 months of imprisonment, 3 years of supervised release, a \$1,000,000.00 fine, and a special monetary assessment of \$4,300.

**SPECIFICATIONS**  
**FIRST SPECIFICATION**

Respondent violated New York Education Law §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: *April 21*, 2011  
Albany, New York

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