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Executive Deputy Commissioner

March 24, 2014

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Michael Chung Kay Lam, M.D.

REDACTED

Re: License No. 208821

Dear Dr. Lam:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 14-76. This modification order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect March 31, 2014.

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: c/o Physician Monitoring Unit, NYS DOH - OPMC, Riverview Center, Suite 355, 150 Broadway, Albany, NY 12204-2719.

If your license is framed, please remove it from the frame and only send the parchment paper on which your name is printed. Our office is unable to store framed licenses.

If the document(s) are lost, misplaced or destroyed, you are required to submit to this office an affidavit to that effect. Enclosed for your convenience is an affidavit. Please complete and sign the affidavit before a notary public and return it to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Mariel LaSasso, Esq.
LaSasso Law Group, PLLC
80 Maiden Lane, Suite 2205
New York, NY 10038

IN THE MATTER
OF
MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER

Upon the application of MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D. to Surrender his or her license as a physician in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

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

ORDERED, that Respondent's name be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Surrender Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Surrender of License application or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney,

Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 3/21/2014

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ARTHUR S. HENGERER, 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

SURRENDER

OF

OF

MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D.
CO-12-06-3111-A

LICENSE

MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about November 3, 1997, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 208821 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is : REDACTED

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct 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 Surrender of License.

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license to practice medicine in the State of New York on the grounds that admit the First Specification.

I ask the Board to accept the surrender of my license, and I agree to be bound by all of the terms set forth in attached Exhibit "B."

I understand that if the Board does not accept my Surrender of License none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Surrender of License 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 the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board accepts the surrender of my license, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Surrender Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Surrender Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Surrender Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Surrender of License, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Surrender Order, this Surrender of License, 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 ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License, which I submit of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Surrender of License, 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 Surrender Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and I agree to be bound by the Surrender Order.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct, and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Surrender of License and Surrender Order, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

Date: 3-17 2014
2013

REDACTED

MICHAEL CHUNG KAY TAM, M.D.
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Surrender of License and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

Date: March 17, 2014

REDACTED

MARTEL LA SASSO, ESQ.
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 3/18/2014, 2013

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JUDE B. MULVEY
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 3/21/14, 2013

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TD KEITH W. SERVIS
Director, Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D.
CO-12-06-3111-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

MICHAEL CHUNG KAY LAM, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on November 3, 1997, by the issuance of license number 208821 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about July 20, 2012, in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Bergen County, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, to Knowingly or Purposely Distributing Oxycodone, among others, in violation of New Jersey Statute 2C:35-5a (1) and New Jersey Statute A2C: 35-5b (5). Respondent was sentenced to a three (3) year term of probation, ordered to pay \$11,205 and his driver's license was suspended for six (6) months.

B. On or about July 10, 2013, the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "New Jersey Board"), by Final Order Revoking Licensure (hereinafter "New Jersey Order"), revoked Respondent's New Jersey medical license based not only upon his criminal conviction but also upon conduct in the practice of medicine demonstrating dishonesty, fraud or deception, gross negligence and/or gross incompetence, repeated acts of negligence and/or incompetence, and failure of good moral character.

C. 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 §6530(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);
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(20) (moral unfitness)

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(iii) by being convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which, if committed within this state, would have constituted a crime under New York state law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having voluntarily or otherwise surrendered his license to practice medicine after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the surrender would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

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

DATED: *Sept 18*, 2013
Albany, New York

REDACTED

MICHAEL A. HISER
Acting Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "C"

Requirements for Closing a Medical Practice Following a Revocation, Surrender, Limitation or Suspension of a Medical License

1. Licensee shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in New York State, or under Licensee's New York license, in accordance with the terms of the Order. In addition, Licensee shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application and from representing that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine.
2. Within 5 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall deliver Licensee's original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, New York 12204-2719.
3. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify all patients of the cessation or limitation of Licensee's medical practice, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for continued care, as appropriate. Licensee shall notify, in writing, each health care plan with which the Licensee contracts or is employed, and each hospital where Licensee has privileges, that Licensee has ceased medical practice. Within 45 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall provide OPMC with written documentation that all patients and hospitals have been notified of the cessation of Licensee's medical practice.
4. Licensee shall make arrangements for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within 30 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate and acceptable contact persons who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for at least 6 years after the last date of service rendered to a patient or, in the case of a minor, for at least 6 years after the last date of service or 3 years after the patient reaches the age of majority, whichever time period is longer. Records shall be maintained in a safe and secure place that is reasonably accessible to former patients. The arrangements shall include provisions to ensure that the information in the record is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or a patient's representative requests a copy of the patient's medical record, or requests that the original medical record be sent to another health care provider, a copy of the record shall be promptly provided or forwarded at a reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed 75 cents per page.) Radiographic,

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sonographic and similar materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of an inability to pay.

5. In the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall, within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, advise the DEA, in writing, of the licensure action and shall surrender his/her DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
6. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. If no other licensee is providing services at Licensee's practice location, Licensee shall properly dispose of all medications.
7. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall remove from the public domain any representation that Licensee is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings (whether in telephone directories, internet or otherwise), professional stationery or billings. Licensee shall not share, occupy, or use office space in which another licensee provides health care services.
8. Licensee shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered by Licensee or others while Licensee is barred from engaging in the practice of medicine. Licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered, and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf, prior to the Order's effective date.
9. If Licensee is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine, Licensee shall divest all financial interest in the professional services corporation, in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days. If Licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within 90 days of the Order's effective date.

10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in a civil penalty or criminal penalties as may be authorized by governing law. Under N.Y. Educ. Law § 6512, it is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment of up to 4 years, to practice the profession of medicine when a professional license has been suspended, revoked or annulled. Such punishment is in addition to the penalties for professional misconduct set forth in N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230-a, which include fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of charges of which the Licensee is found guilty, and may include revocation of a suspended license.