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October 22, 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mathaiah Ramaiah, M.D.
87-12 58th Avenue
Elmhurst, NY 11373

Re: License No. 126647

Dear Dr. Ramaiah:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 03-275 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect October 29, 2003.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order to the Board for Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

Sincerely,

REDACTED

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

Enclosure

cc: David Steckler, Esq.
Garfunkel, Wild and Travis, P.C.
111 Great Neck Road
Great Neck, NY 11201

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
MATHAIAH RAMAIAH, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER

BPMC No. 03-275

Upon the application of (Respondent) MATHAIAH RAMAIAH, M.D. to Surrender his 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 SO ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent 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 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: 10/22/03

REDACTED

Michael Gonzalez, R.P.A.
Vice Chair
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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

**IN THE MATTER
OF
MATHAIAH RAMAIAH, M.D.**

**SURRENDER
of
LICENSE**

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

That on or about March 5, 1978 I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. 128847 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 87-12 58th Avenue, Elmhurst, New York 11373, and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with one specification 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 as a physician in the State of New York on the grounds that I do not contest the specification of alleged misconduct as it relates specifically to Patients A and B, in full satisfaction of the charges against me.

I ask the Board to accept the Surrender of my License.

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

I ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License 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.

REDACTED

DATED

10/6/03

MATHAJAH RAMAJAH, M.D.
RESPONDENT

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

DATE:

October 11, 2003

REDACTED

DAVID STECKLER, ESQ.
GARFUNKEL, WILD AND TRAVIS, P.C.
Attorney for Respondent

DATE:

October 10, 2003

REDACTED

DANIEL GUENZBURGER
ASSOCIATE COUNSEL
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE:

October 17, 2003

REDACTED

DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT A

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

IN THE MATTER
OF
MATHAIAH RAMAIAH, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

MATHAIAH RAMAIAH, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about March 5, 1976, by the issuance of license number 126647 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. In or about 1998 the Respondent provided primary medical care to residents of the Elm York Home for Adults located at 100-30 Ditmars Boulevard, Elmhurst, New York and to residents of the Madison York Home for Adults located at 81-80 Woodhaven Boulevard, Rego Park, New York. Patients A through J were patients of the Respondent who resided in either the Elm York or Madison York Adult Homes. (The names of the Patients are identified in the annexed appendix.) On more than one occasion the Respondent failed to perform and/or note adequate medical evaluations with respect to Patients A through J.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

SPECIFICATION

NEGLIGENCE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(3) by practicing the profession of medicine with negligence on more than one occasion as alleged in:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

DATED: ¹⁰September 17, 2003
New York, New York

REDACTED

~~Roy Nemerson~~
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "B"

**GUIDELINES FOR CLOSING A MEDICAL PRACTICE FOLLOWING A
REVOCATION, SURRENDER OR SUSPENSION (of 6 months or more)
OF A MEDICAL LICENSE**

1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist the practice of medicine in compliance with the terms of the Surrender Order. Respondent shall not represent himself or herself as eligible to practice medicine and shall refrain from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application.
2. Within fifteen (15) days of the Surrender Order's effective date, Respondent shall notify all patients that he or she has ceased the practice of medicine, and shall refer all patients to another licensed practicing physician for their continued care, as appropriate.
3. Within thirty (30) days of the Surrender Order's effective date, Respondent shall have his or her original license to practice medicine in New York State and current biennial registration delivered to the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) at 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180-2299.
4. Respondent shall arrange for the transfer and maintenance of all patient medical records. Within thirty (30) days of the Surrender Order's effective date, Respondent shall notify OPMC of these arrangements, including the name, address, and telephone number of an appropriate contact person, acceptable to the Director of OPMC, who shall have access to these records. Original records shall be retained for patients for at least six (6) years after the last date of service, and, for minors, at least six (6) years after the last date of service or three (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 ensure that all patient information is kept confidential and is available only to authorized persons. When a patient or authorized 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 sent at reasonable cost to the patient (not to exceed seventy-five cents per page.) Radiographic, sonographic and like materials shall be provided at cost. A qualified person shall not be denied access to patient information solely because of inability to pay.
5. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, if Respondent holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) certificate, Respondent shall advise the DEA in writing of the licensure action and shall surrender his or her DEA controlled substance certificate, privileges, and any used DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2, to the DEA.
6. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, Respondent shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Controlled Substances of the New York State Department of Health. Respondent shall have all prescription pads bearing Respondent's name destroyed. If no other licensee is providing services at his practice location, Respondent shall dispose of all medications.
7. Within fifteen (15) days of the Order's effective date, Respondent shall remove from the public domain any representation that Respondent is eligible to practice medicine, including all related signs, advertisements, professional listings whether in telephone directories or otherwise, professional stationery or billings. Respondent shall not share, occupy or use office space in which another licensee provides health

care services.

8. Respondent shall not charge, receive or share any fee or distribution of dividends for professional services rendered (by himself or others) while barred from practicing medicine. Respondent may receive compensation 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 Respondent is a shareholder in any professional service corporation organized to engage in the practice of medicine and Respondent's license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for six (6) months or more pursuant to this Order, Respondent shall, within ninety (90) days of the Order's effective date, divest himself/herself of all financial interest in such professional services corporation in accordance with New York Business Corporation Law. If Respondent is the sole shareholder in a professional services corporation, the corporation must be dissolved or sold within ninety (90) days of the Order's effective date.

10. Failure to comply with the above directives may result in civil or criminal penalties. Practicing medicine when a medical license has been suspended, revoked or annulled is a Class E Felony, punishable by imprisonment for up to four (4) years, under Section 6512 of the Education Law. Professional misconduct may result in penalties including revocation of the suspended license and/or fines of up to \$10,000 for each specification of misconduct, under Section 230-a of the Public Health Law.