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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  
LYNN BRAUNSTEIN, M.D.  
CO-12-08-4264-A

COMMISSIONER'S  
ORDER  
AND  
NOTICE OF  
REFERRAL  
PROCEEDING

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TO: LYNN BRAUNSTEIN, M.D.  
REDACTED

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 **LYNN BRAUNSTEIN, M.D.**, Respondent, New York license number 168847, has been convicted of committing an act constituting a felony 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), that effective immediately, **LYNN BRAUNSTEIN, 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2013, at 10:30 a.m., at Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Albany, New York 12204-2719, 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. The licensee may file a brief and affidavits with the Committee on Professional Conduct. 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, Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 510, Albany, New York 12204-2719, 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  
June 20, 2013

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Nirav R. Shah, M.D., M.P.H.  
Commissioner of Health  
New York State Department of Health

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STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

LYNN BRAUNSTEIN, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on December 5, 1986, by the issuance of license number 168847 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about January 30, 2013, in the United States District Court Southern District of New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud and Health Care Fraud in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1349, and sentenced to 3 years of probation, 200 hours of community service, \$30,000.00 in forfeiture, and \$100.00 in fees.

**SPECIFICATION**  
**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: *June 13*, 2013  
Albany, New York

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

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN

District of

NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
V.  
LYNN BRAUNSTEIN

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: S7 1: 10CR00918-10(RPP)

USM Number: 64018-054

ALEX BATEMAN, ESQ.  
Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- pleaded guilty to count(s) ONE.
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ which was accepted by the court.
- was found guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_ after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
T18 USC 1349	CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MAIL FRAUD AND HEALTH CARE FRAUD	10/13/10	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 5 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Count(s) \_\_\_\_\_  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- Underlying counts & indictments \_\_\_\_\_  is  are dismissed on the motion of the United States.
- Motion(s) \_\_\_\_\_  is  are denied as moot.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

JANUARY 30 2013  
Date of Imposition of Judgment  
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Signature of Judge  
HONORABLE ROBERT P. PATTERSON, JR.  
Name and Title of Judge  
January 31, 2013  
Date

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DEFENDANT: LYNN BRAUNSTEIN  
CASE NUMBER: S7 1: 10CR00918-10(RPP)

PROBATION

The defendant is hereby sentenced to probation for a term of: THREE YEARS.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance. The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of placement on probation and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall register with the state sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or student, as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable.)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of probation that the defendant pay in accordance with the Schedule of Payments sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer and shall submit a truthful and complete written report within the first five days of each month;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony, unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and
- 13) as directed by the probation officer, the defendant shall notify third parties of risks that may be occasioned by the defendant's criminal record or personal history or characteristics and shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and to confirm the defendant's compliance with such notification requirement.

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### SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

**Mandatory conditions of Probation are imposed:**

- The defendant shall not commit another federal, state or local crime.
- The defendant shall not illegally possess a controlled substance.
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm or destructive device.
- The mandatory drug testing condition is suspended due to the Court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse.

**Standard Conditions of Probation supervision, 1-13, are imposed, along with the following additional conditions:**

- The defendant shall provide the probation officer with access to any requested financial information.
- The defendant shall participate in a mental health program approved by the U.S. Probation Office. The defendant shall continue to take any prescribed medications unless otherwise instructed by the health care provider. The defendant shall contribute to the costs of services rendered not covered by third-party payment, if the defendant has the ability to pay. The Court authorizes the release of available psychological and psychiatric evaluations and reports to the health care provider.
- The defendant is to perform 200 hours of community service with an agency approved by probation as directed by the probation officer.
- The defendant shall submit her person, residence, place of business, vehicle, or any other premises under her control to a search on the basis that the probation officer has reasonable belief that contraband or evidence or a violation of the conditions of the release may be found. The search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a reasonable manner. Failure to submit to a search may be grounds for revocation. The defendant shall inform any other residents that the premises may be subject to search pursuant to this condition.
- The defendant is to report to the nearest Probation Office within 72 hours of sentencing.
- The defendant is to be supervised by the district of residence.
- The mandatory special assessment imposed, \$100.00, is payable by 2/6/13.
- The defendant shall forfeit to the United States all property real and personal, involved in the offense or traceable to such property. Forfeiture ordered in the amount of \$30,000.00, order to follow. Forfeiture will be applied toward restitution.

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**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ 100.00	\$	\$

- The determination of restitution is deferred \_\_\_\_\_. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be after such determination.
- The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

<u>Name of Payee</u>	<u>Total Loss*</u>	<u>Restitution Ordered</u>	<u>Priority or Percentage</u>
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<b>TOTALS</b>	\$ _____	\$0.00	\$ _____	\$0.00
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- Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \_\_\_\_\_
- The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).
- The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:
  - the interest requirement is waived for  fine  restitution.
  - the interest requirement for  fine  restitution is modified as follows:

\* Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties are due as follows:

- A  Lump sum payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due immediately, balance due
  - not later than \_\_\_\_\_, or
  - in accordance  C,  D,  E, or  F below; or
- B  Payment to begin immediately (may be combined  C,  D, or  F below); or
- C  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D  Payment in equal \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \_\_\_\_\_ over a period of \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., months or years), to \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E  Payment during the term of supervised release will commence \_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time;
- F  Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:  
Mandatory special assessment imposed, \$100.00, is payable by 2/6/13. Forfeiture ordered in the amount of \$30,000.00, order to follow.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several  
Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:  
\$30,000.00, forfeiture order to be submitted.

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) penalties, and (8) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.