

IN THE MATTER OF
ABDUL RAZAQ, M.D.

Respondent

License Number: D48029

* BEFORE THE
* MARYLAND STATE
* BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
* Case Number: 2014-0679B

* * * * *

**CONSENT ORDER FOR REVOCATION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE**

On or about February 25, 2014, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") received an Adverse Action Report from a hospital in Maryland stating that it terminated **ABDUL RAZAQ, M.D.'s** (the "Respondent's") employment after discovering that on December 2, 2013, he pled guilty to the charge of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. Based on its ensuing investigation, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board determined that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland was subject to revocation under the Maryland Medical Practice Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("Health Occ.") §§ 14-401 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

The pertinent provisions of the Act under Health Occ. § 14-404 provide:

(b) Crimes involving moral turpitude. -- (1) On the filing of certified docket entries with the Board by the Office of the Attorney General, a disciplinary panel shall order the suspension of a license if the licensee is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere with respect to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

(2) After completion of the appellate process if the conviction has not been reversed or the plea has not been set aside with respect to a crime involving moral turpitude, a disciplinary panel shall order the revocation of a license on the certification by the Office of Attorney General.

Prior to Disciplinary Panel B of the Board initiating an action under Health Occ. § 14-404(b), the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order for Revocation, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Disciplinary Panel B of the Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was and is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland on October 1, 1995, under License Number D48029. The Respondent's license is active until September 30, 2015.

2. Pursuant to a Criminal Information, filed on December 2, 2013, under Criminal Number 1:13 cr 460, captioned *United States of America v. Abdul Razaq*, the Respondent was charged in the United District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia with one (1) count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

3. The Criminal Information alleged that "[f]rom in or about 1995 through in or about 2010, in Fairfax County in the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant, ABDUL RAZAQ did unlawfully and knowingly conspire with persons known and unknown to defraud the United States Department of the Treasury by impeding, impairing, obstructing and defeating the lawful functions of the Internal Revenue Service in the ascertainment, computation, assessment, and collection of the revenue. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect its objects, the defendant wrote a check dated March 15, 2010, and made payable to the Society for International Help, in the amount of \$15,000, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371."

4. On December 2, 2013, the Respondent, pursuant to a plea agreement, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of Conspiring to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The Respondent appeared before a United States District Judge on August 1, 2014, and was sentenced to: two (2) years of probation, including six (6) months of home detention; restitution in the amount of \$19,591; a fine of \$25,000; and a special assessment of \$100.

5. According to a stipulated Statement of Facts in support of the Plea Agreement, "RAZAQ deducted the \$15,000 he sent to [Society for International Help] as a charitable contribution, even though he was reimbursed for this in Pakistan." Thus, the Respondent improperly took deductions for charitable contributions in the amount of \$15,000 for tax year 2010 (as referenced in the Criminal Information) to which he was not entitled because he had been reimbursed for that deduction.

6. The Statement of Facts further provided that the Respondent "transferred at least \$250,000 to KAC between 1994 and 2009, including \$134,850 between 2000 and 2008. Moreover, RAZAQ transferred at least \$90,655 to the SIH between 2000 and 2009. RAZAQ claimed charitable deductions for these transfers, even though Zaheer Ahmad reimbursed him for at least a portion of these transfers. . . . Zaheer Ahmad deposited approximately \$139,538 into the financial accounts of RAZAQ and a member of his family in the United States"

7. The Respondent did not appeal to set aside his plea of guilty and no appellate process was undertaken to set aside his conviction.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel B of the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent's guilty plea for Conspiring to Defraud the United States in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, constitutes pleading guilty to a crime involving moral turpitude, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(b).

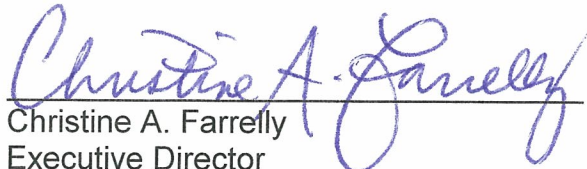
ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 17th day of April, 2015, by a majority of the quorum of Disciplinary Panel B of the Board:

ORDERED that the license of Abdul Razaq, M.D., License Number D48029, to practice medicine in the State of Maryland is hereby **REVOKED**, as mandated by Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(b)(2); and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent may apply for reinstatement of his medical license after a period of **ONE (1) YEAR**; and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is considered a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).


Christine A. Farrelly
Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Abdul Razaq, M.D., acknowledge that I have consulted with counsel before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal hearing in which I would have had the right to all substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge any allegations the Board's disciplinary panel may issue. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board's disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board's disciplinary panel that might have followed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

4/5/15
Date

Abdul Razaq
Abdul Razaq, M.D.

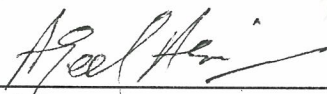
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Charles

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 5th day of April,
2015, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally
appear Abdul Razaq, M.D., License Number D48029, and made oath in due form of law
that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires: April 24, 2015.

AQEELASIM
Notary Public
Charles County
Maryland
My Commission Expires Apr. 24, 2015