

IN THE MATTER OF

ABDUL RAZAQ, M.D.

Applicant for Reinstatement
after Revocation.

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND

STATE BOARD OF

PHYSICIANS

Case No.: 8818-0002

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**ORDER ON APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

I. INTRODUCTION

On December 2, 2013, Abdul Razaq, M.D., pled guilty in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (“U.S. District Court”) to one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371. On April 17, 2015, Dr. Razaq entered into a Consent Order with Disciplinary Panel B (the “Panel”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”). Under the Consent Order, Dr. Razaq’s guilty plea of conspiracy to defraud the United States constituted a crime of moral turpitude and his license to practice medicine in Maryland was revoked.¹ Dr. Razaq, however, was allowed to apply for reinstatement of his medical license after one year. On May 4, 2016, Dr. Razaq applied for the reinstatement of his license. On December 6, 2016, the Panel denied Dr. Razaq’s Application for Reinstatement of Medical Licensure and allowed him to reapply for the reinstatement of his license after six months. On June 15, 2017, Dr. Razaq reapplied for reinstatement of his medical license. On December 20, 2017, the Panel met with Dr. Razaq to consider his reapplication for the reinstatement of his license.

¹ License Number D48029.

II. PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL HISTORY

Dr. Razaq, an orthopedic surgeon, was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland in 1995. On February 25, 2014, the Board received an Adverse Action Report from a hospital in Maryland stating that it terminated Dr. Razaq's employment after discovering that he pled guilty to Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371.

The U.S. District Court sentenced Dr. Razaq to two years of probation and six months of home detention. The Court also required Dr. Razaq to make restitution in the amount of \$19,591 and imposed a fine of \$25,000 and a special assessment of \$100. Dr. Razaq paid the restitution, fine and special assessment and completed the period of probation on July 31, 2016.

On April 17, 2015, the Panel entered into a Consent Order with Dr. Razaq, finding that his guilty plea for Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, along with the stipulated facts underlying that offense, constituted a guilty plea to a crime involving moral turpitude, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-404(b). Under the Consent Order, Dr. Razaq's medical license was revoked.

On May 4, 2016, Dr. Razaq applied for the reinstatement of his license. On December 6, 2016, the Panel denied his application, but allowed him to reapply for the reinstatement of his license after six months.

On June 15, 2017, Dr. Razaq reapplied for reinstatement of his medical license. On December 20, 2017, the Panel met with Dr. Razaq to consider his application for the reinstatement of his license.

III. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

The reinstatement of a physician's medical license after revocation is discretionary. *See* Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-409. In his current application for reinstatement, Dr. Razaq

has accepted full responsibility for his actions, acknowledged the significance of his violation, and demonstrated insight into his offenses. The Panel believes that he is unlikely to repeat the conduct that led to the revocation of his license. The Panel, therefore, grants Dr. Razaq's application for reinstatement, subject to a period of probation and certain probationary conditions.

IV. ORDER

It is thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that Dr. Razaq's license to practice medicine in Maryland is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Razaq is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **ONE YEAR**. During the probationary period, Dr. Razaq shall comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Razaq shall not prescribe any Controlled Dangerous Substances for the duration of probation;
2. Dr. Razaq shall complete a course in ethics;
3. Dr. Razaq shall complete a course in pain management.
4. The following conditions apply to Dr. Razaq's completion of the above-mentioned courses:
 - (a) Dr. Razaq shall successfully complete each course within one year;
 - (b) each course must be at least 15 hours in duration;
 - (c) it is Dr. Razaq's responsibility to locate, enroll in and obtain the Panel's approval of each course before the course is begun;
 - (d) the Panel will not accept a course taken over the internet;
 - (e) the courses may not be used to fulfill the continuing medical education credits required for license renewal;
 - (f) Dr. Razaq must provide documentation to the Board that he has successfully completed the courses; and
 - (g) Dr. Razaq is responsible for the cost of the course.

5. During the probationary period, Disciplinary Panel B will issue administrative subpoenas to the Maryland Prescription Drug Monitoring Program ("PDMP") on a quarterly basis for all of the Respondent's CDS prescriptions. The administrative subpoenas will request a review of Respondents CDS prescriptions written from the beginning of each quarter;

6. Dr. Razaq shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101—14-702, and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Razaq may submit a written petition to Panel B requesting termination of his **PROBATION** after a minimum period of **ONE YEAR**; and it is further

ORDERED that, upon a written petition to Panel B requesting termination of probation, Dr. Razaq may be required to appear before Panel B to discuss his petition for termination of probation. Panel B will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Razaq has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if Dr. Razaq allegedly fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Order of Reinstatement, Dr. Razaq shall be given notice and an opportunity for a hearing. If there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, the hearing shall be before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings. If there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, Dr. Razaq shall be given a show cause hearing before the Board or Disciplinary Panel; and it is further

ORDERED that, after the appropriate hearing, if the Board or Disciplinary Panel determines that Dr. Razaq has failed to comply with any term or condition of this probation or this Reinstatement Order, the Board or Disciplinary Panel may reprimand Dr. Razaq, place Dr.

Razaq on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Dr. Razaq's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The Board or Disciplinary Panel may, in addition to one or more of the sanctions set forth above, impose a civil monetary fine upon Dr. Razaq; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Razaq shall not apply for the early termination of probation; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Razaq is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period begins when the order goes into effect. This order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of the Panel; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

01/19/2018
Date

Christine A. Farrelly
Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians