

**STATE OF VERMONT
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Farhaad R. Riyaz, M.D.

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Docket No. MPC 012-0122

CESSATION OF PRACTICE AGREEMENT

NOW COME Farhaad R. Riyaz, M.D., and the Vermont Board of Medical Practice and stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Farhaad R. Riyaz, M.D. (“Respondent”) of Northville, MI holds Vermont medical license number 042.0015032-COMP first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on October 27, 2020. Respondent is a physician.
2. Jurisdiction in these matters rests with the Vermont Board of Medical Practice (“Board”), pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353-1361, 3 V.S.A. §§ 809-814, and other authority.

Background

3. Respondent disclosed that he was convicted of one count of felony mail fraud in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Case No. 1:21-cr-264 LMB, on December 13, 2021, and sentenced on March 22, 2022. Respondent has voluntarily determined that he shall temporarily and immediately cease and desist at this time from the practice of medicine.
4. Pending the resolution of the Board’s investigation herein, Respondent has determined that he shall voluntarily enter into this Cessation of Practice Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Board and shall immediately refrain temporarily from any and all practice of medicine until further order of the Board. Respondent agrees that the instant Agreement with the Board sets forth in writing the terms for such cessation of medical practice.

5. Respondent acknowledges that he has been offered the opportunity to obtain and receive legal advice and counsel regarding this matter, and is so represented. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this Agreement he is waiving at this time such rights as he may possess to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 and 814, and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1365-66. He agrees and fully understands that by executing this document he is waiving the necessity of any proceedings, findings, and order by the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1365-66, so as to achieve disposition of this matter. Thus, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly agrees to the terms and conditions therein.

6. Respondent has indicated his desire to continue to cooperate fully with the Board. Thus, the parties have agreed to enter into the instant Agreement, which is intended to serve as an interim means of affording Respondent the best possible opportunity to focus upon his personal circumstances and obtain a permanent resolution herein.

Cessation of Practice

7. It is agreed by the parties that Respondent shall cease and desist immediately and hereafter, following his execution of this Agreement, from all practice of medicine in the State of Vermont.

8. Respondent shall neither prescribe nor dispense any drugs to patients, associates, himself, family members, or others in the State of Vermont after execution of this Agreement.

9. Respondent agrees that the Board, in its sole discretion, may consider and approve a petition from Respondent at a later date for modification or relief from the terms and conditions of this Agreement, when Respondent's personal circumstances so warrant; or when full resolution of the matter requires this Agreement be vacated. Respondent understands that if he desires to

seek modification or relief, he must first present a written petition to the Central Investigative Committee (“Committee”) of the Board requesting such modification or relief. Respondent agrees and understands that the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether Respondent’s petition for modification or relief should be granted. Respondent understands and agrees that, in order for a petition for relief or modification to be granted, the Board must approve his request for relief or modification and issue an Order to that effect.

Express Provisions

10. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board, that he shall:
 - a. Cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigations of these matters by the Board;
 - b. Cease and desist, effective immediately, pursuant to this order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including any and all prescribing of any kind for patients, associates, himself, family members, or others; office visits; consultations; examinations; treatment; and surgery, all as relate to the State of Vermont; and
 - c. Adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligations by further order of the Board.

General Provisions

11. Respondent assures and agrees that he shall provide his continued cooperation with the Board and its investigators.
12. Respondent recognizes the Board’s obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Respondent makes no statement or admission here other than to assure his continued cooperation with the Board and its

statutory responsibilities. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to him regarding the final disposition of any matter or other action of the Board.

13. Respondent agrees that he has read and carefully considered all terms and conditions herein and agrees that these may be adopted as an enforceable order of the Board, pursuant to 3 V.S.A. §§ 129(a)(3), 809(d) and 26 V.S.A. §§ 1353, 1737, and agrees to accept and be bound by these until such time as he may be expressly relieved of these or they are modified, in writing, by an order of the Board.

14. The parties agree that this Agreement does not constitute disciplinary action. However, the parties acknowledge that this Agreement shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities. Respondent's license status will be changed to "Practice Cessation" upon approval by the Board.

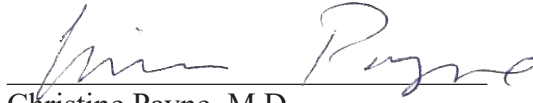
15. This Cessation of Practice Agreement is subject to review and acceptance by the Board and shall not become fully and finally effective until presented to and approved by the Board and served on Respondent and his attorney of record. However, this in no way limits Respondent's obligation to cease and desist from the practice of medicine as stated in Paragraph 7 above during the period of the Board's review and approval or disapproval of this Agreement. If the Board rejects any part of this Agreement, the entire Agreement shall be void. The parties agree and request that the Board enter a binding order adopting the terms and conditions set forth herein.

16. Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain jurisdiction in this matter and may enforce as necessary the terms set forth herein, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. § 1354(25) or other statutory provisions.

17. This Agreement, consisting of six pages, is the full agreement of the parties. It cannot be amended or modified without the prior written consent of the parties.

SIGNATURES

Dated at Burlington, Vermont, this 1st day of July, 2022.



Christine Payne, M.D.
Chair, Central Investigative Committee
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Dated at Northville, MI, this ____ day of June, 2022.

Farhaad R. Riyaz, M.D.
Respondent

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this ____ day of June, 2022.

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Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 8th day of June, 2022.

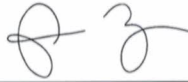
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Chair, Central Investigative Committee
Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Dated at Northville, MI, this 1 day of June, 2022.



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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Dated at Denver, Colorado, this 3rd day of June, 2022.



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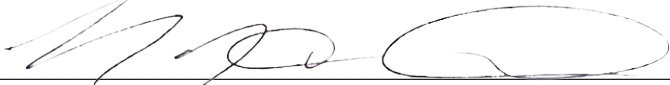
Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice:

By: _____
Sarah McClain
Chair, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

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VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE:**

Signed on Behalf of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice:

By: 
Rick Hildebrant, MD
Vice-Chair, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Vote documented in the Vermont Board of Medical Practice meeting minutes,
dated 07/06/2022.

Dated: 07/06/2022