

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
MIRZA H. A. BAIG, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF
Applicant for Reinstatement after Revocation	*	PHYSICIANS
License No.: D13689	*	Case No.: 8817-0004
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ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT OF MEDICAL LICENSE

I. INTRODUCTION

On April 17, 2013, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the “Board”) revoked the Maryland medical license of Mirza H. A. Baig, M.D. On June 22, 2016, the Board received Dr. Baig’s application for the reinstatement of his license. On December 21, 2016, Board Disciplinary Panel B (the “Panel”) met with Dr. Baig to consider his application.

II. PROCEDURAL AND FACTUAL HISTORY

Dr. Baig was originally licensed to practice medicine in Maryland in 1972. On April 17, 2013, the Board revoked Dr. Baig’s license to practice medicine, as mandated by Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(b)(2), based on his guilty plea and conviction in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland for conspiracy to commit an extortion and bribery scheme in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 which, as the Board determined, was a crime involving moral turpitude. Dr. Baig conspired with public officials to provide them with money and campaign contributions in exchange for their official assistance and influence on his behalf. On June 22, 2016, the Board received Dr. Baig’s application for reinstatement.

III. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATION

Dr. Baig's involvement in an extortion and bribery scheme diminishes the standing of the medical profession in the eyes of the public. The Board, however, notes that Dr. Baig had over forty years of practice in Maryland prior to his conviction. A significant amount of time has passed since his actions that formed the basis for his convictions, which ended in 2010. Further, Dr. Baig has expressed insight into the nature of his conduct by accepting full responsibility for his action and expressing remorse for his conduct.

The Panel concludes that reinstatement with probation and certain probationary conditions to address his unethical conduct and to assure his ability to practice medicine after his long absence from practice is appropriate. The Panel, therefore, grants Dr. Baig's application for reinstatement subject to probation and certain probationary conditions.

IV. ORDER

It is thus, by Disciplinary Panel B, hereby

ORDERED that, pursuant to Health Occ. § 14-409, Dr. Baig's license to practice medicine in Maryland is **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Baig is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **TWO YEARS**.¹ During the probationary period, Dr. Baig shall comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Ethics Tutorial:

Within six months, Dr. Baig shall successfully complete a Board Disciplinary Panel-approved one-on-one tutorial in ethics. Panel B will not accept a course taken over the Internet.

¹ The probation will not be terminated if Dr. Baig fails to renew his/her license. If Dr. Baig's license expires while the license is on probation, the probationary period will be tolled. COMAR 10.32.02.05C(3).

The course may not be used to fulfill the continuing education credits required for license renewal. Dr. Baig must provide documentation to the Board that he has successfully completed the course;

2. Supervision and Monitoring:

- a. Dr. Baig's medical practice shall be supervised, at his own expense, by a panel-approved physician supervisor for one year;
- b. Within 30 days, Dr. Baig shall submit to Panel B for approval the name and professional credentials of the physician supervisor he proposes to supervise his practice;
- c. The supervising physician shall notify Panel B in writing of his/her acceptance of the supervisory role of Dr. Baig. Dr. Baig shall not resume the practice of medicine until Panel B approves his proposed supervising physician. Supervision of Dr. Baig's practice shall commence following Panel B's written approval;
- d. At a minimum, the supervising physician shall meet with Dr. Baig in-person once a month. The supervising physician shall review patient charts chosen by the supervisor of at least 10 of Dr. Baig's patients. The purpose of supervision shall be to monitor the Dr. Baig's practice. Discussion at the in-person meetings shall include the care Dr. Baig has provided for specific patients and detailed feedback from the physician supervisor on Dr. Baig's practices;
- e. The supervising physician shall communicate at any time with Panel B, if, in the discretion of the supervising physician, such communication is needed. If there are indications that Dr. Baig poses a substantive risk to patients, the supervising physician shall immediately report his or her concerns to Panel B;
- f. The supervising physician shall be available to Dr. Baig for consultations on any patient and shall observe Dr. Baig's practice and have access to Dr. Baig's patients' records. In addition, the supervising physician shall maintain the confidentiality of all medical records and patient information;
- g. Panel B has sole authority over any changes in supervision and must approve and ratify any changes in supervision or the frequency of supervision;
- h. In the event that Dr. Baig's supervising physician discontinues supervising Dr. Baig's practice for any reason during the 12-month supervisory period, Dr. Baig shall immediately notify Panel B. Dr. Baig shall be solely responsible for submitting a replacement candidate to serve as his supervisor under the terms specified above;

- i. If Dr. Baig fails to complete the supervision in a timely manner as set out above, Dr. Baig will be deemed in violation of probation and this Order of Reinstatement;

3. Quarterly Reports:

- a. The supervising physician shall submit quarterly reports to the Board detailing the quality of Dr. Baig's practices, any deficiencies, concerns or needed improvements, and measures recommended to improve patient care. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a report of Dr. Baig's participation in the supervisory process and his progress;
- b. Dr. Baig has sole responsibility for ensuring that the supervising physician submits the required quarterly reports in a timely manner;
- c. An unsatisfactory report from Dr. Baig's supervising physician may constitute a violation of this Order of Reinstatement; and it is further

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

ORDERED that, after two years, Dr. Baig may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the Board or Panel B. Dr. Baig may be required to appear before the Board or Panel B to discuss his petition for termination. The Board or Panel B will grant the petition to terminate the probation if Dr. Baig 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 the Board or Panel B determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact or a show cause hearing before the Board or Panel B if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, that Dr. Baig has failed to comply with any term

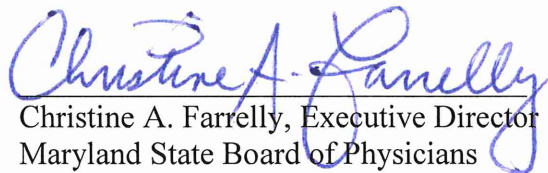
or condition of probation or this Order of Reinstatement, the Board or Panel B may reprimand Dr. Baig, place Dr. Baig on probation with appropriate terms and conditions, or suspend or revoke Dr. Baig's license to practice medicine in Maryland. The Board or Panel B may, in addition to one or more of the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

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

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in the order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when the Order for Reinstatement goes into effect. The Order for Reinstatement goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director, who signs on behalf of Panel B.

ORDERED that this Order for Reinstatement is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

01/06/2017
Date


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