### BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In The Matter of Charges and	)	
Complaint Against	)	
ISMAT CHAUDHERY, M.D.,	)	Case No. 10-11300-1
Respondent.	)	FILED
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### **COMPLAINT**

The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, composed at the time filing of Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., Van V. Heffner and Beverly Neyland, M.D., having a reasonable basis to believe that Ismat Chaudhery, M.D., hereinafter referred to as Respondent, has violated the provisions of NRS Chapter 630, hereby issues its formal Complaint, stating the Investigative Committee's charges and allegations, as follows:

- 1. Respondent is currently licensed in active status (License No. 7837), and has been so licensed since June 21, 1996 by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.
- 2. Respondent is the President, Secretary, Treasurer, sole director and sole shareholder in Chaudhery Pediatrics ("Chaudhery"), a professional corporation. Chaudhery does business as Mountain View Pediatrics. Respondent is, therefore, personally and individually, Chaudhery. Thus, any conviction against Chaudhery, as the corporation, is a conviction against Respondent based upon such conduct, omission(s), actions and/or inactions.
- 3. On December 15, 2009, Respondent, on behalf of Chaudhery, plead guilty to one count of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud, a felony violation of NRS 422.540(1). The Judgment of Conviction was entered against Chaudhery on January 14, 2010 by the district court judge. A certified copy of the Judgment of Conviction is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

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- 4. The basis for the guilty plea in the aforementioned matter was a series of claimed services provided to Medicaid recipients J.M. (Medicaid ID #0000045292) and S.M. (Medicaid ID # 72174200010). On or about September 2005, March 2007 and June 2007, Chaudhery claimed to have provided services, through its employees and/or agents, and submitted claims to Nevada Medicaid for reimbursement for those services. Respondent was/is ultimately, personally and individually responsible for such actions.
- 5. These claims were false, as C.B., the parent of both Medicaid recipients J.M. and S.M., denied that they received services that Chaudhery claimed and for which it billed Medicaid. These fraudulent claims were submitted by Chaudhery utilizing its Medicaid provider billing number. Respondent was/is ultimately, personally and individually responsible for such actions.

### Count I

- 6. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 7. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(1) provides that the conviction of a felony relating to the practice of medicine is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 8. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.346(3) provides that a certified copy of the record of the court is conclusive evidence of its occurrence. See Exhibit "1".
- 9. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

### **Count II**

- All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by 10. reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 11. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(7) provides that engaging in conduct that violates the trust of a patient and then exploits that relationship for financial or personal gain is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 12. Respondent acted in such a manner to exploit the aforementioned patients for her financial and/or personal gain as evidenced by the conviction for Medicaid fraud.

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13. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

### **Count III**

- 14. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.301(9) provides that engaging in conduct that 15. brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 16. Respondent's aforementioned activities in committing Medicaid fraud is such conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute.
- 17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

### **Count IV**

- 18. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.305(1)(d) provides that charging for visits to the physician's office which did not occur, or for services which were not rendered, is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 19. Respondent's conviction for Medicaid fraud was based upon exactly such actionable conduct.
- 20. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

### Count V

- 21. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 22. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.306(2)(a) provides that engaging in any conduct which is intended to deceive is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
- 23. Again, Respondent's conviction is based upon conduct which is/was intended to deceive.
- 24. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

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### Count VI

- 25. All of the allegations contained in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.
- 26. Nevada Revised Statute Section 630.3062(3) provides that the making or filing a report which the licensee knows to be false is grounds for initiating discipline against a licensee.
  - 27. Respondent was convicted for filing false and/or fraudulent reports to Medicaid.
- 28. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners as provided in Section 630.352 of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

### WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners fix a time and place for a 1. formal hearing;
- 2. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners give Respondent notice of the charges herein against her, the time and place set for the hearing, and the possible sanctions against her;
- 3. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners determine what sanctions it determines to impose for the violation or violations committed by Respondent; and
- 4. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of facts, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and
- 5. That the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this / day of April, 2010.

THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Bradley O. Van Ry, Esq.

Deputy General Counsel and Attorney for the Investigative Committee

# OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

### **VERIFICATION**

STATE OF NEVADA	)	9.0
COUNTY OF CLARK	;	SS

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, that he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate, and correct.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2010.

Benjamin J. Rodriguez, M.D.

# OFFICE OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010, I served a file copy of the COMPLAINT with Exhibit & Fingerprint Processing Information by mailing via USPS certified return receipt mail to the following:

Ismat Chaudhery, M.D. 2901 N. Tenaya Way, Ste. 210 Las Vegas, NV 89128

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

Angelia L. Donohoe Legal Assistant

### EXHIBIT

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### **ORIGINAL**

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11	vs.	)		
12	CHAUDHERY PEDIATRIC'S, A	)		
13	PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION dba	ý		
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15	Defendant.	)		

### JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION

WHEREAS, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, defendant Chaudhery Pediatric's, A Professional Corporation pled guilty to one count of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud, a Felony violation of NRS 422.540(1).

WHEREAS on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, defendant was present with it's counsel, Dominic Gentile, Esq., and Deputy Attorney General Andrew Schulke also being present. Upon hearing statements from counsel, and no sufficient cause being shown as to why judgment should not be pronounced against it, the Court accepted defendant's plea and rendered judgment as follows:

That defendant, Chaudhery Pediatric's, A Professional Corporation is adjudicated guilty of the crime of Submitting False Claims: Medicaid Fraud, a Felony violation of NRS 422.540(1), as charged in the Amended Indictment; and that in addition to ordering defendant to pay \$25.00 administrative assessment fee did sentence defendant to:

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- a. Payment of Restitution and Enforcement Costs as detailed in the Settlement Agreement which was made part of the Memorandum of Guilty Plea Agreement.
- b. Payments are to be completed within five (5) years from the date of sentencing.

Furthermore, the Court shall follow up on defendant's compliance with the terms of this order on December 16, 2010, at 8:15 am.

THEREFORE, the clerk of the above-entitled court is directed to enter the Judgment of Conviction as part of the record of the above entitled matter.

Bond, if any, may be exonerated.

DATED this 14 day of January, 2008

DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Submitted by:

CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO

Attorney General

Andrew Schulke

Deputy Attorney General // NV Bar 10218

555 East Washington #3900

Las Vegas, NV 89101

Attorney for State

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DOCUMENT ATTACHED IS A
TRUE AND CORRECT COPY
OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE

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