Dr. Chacon's Request



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VIA EMAIL TO: bradleys@medboard.nv.gov

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Re: In the Matter of Charges and Complaint Against Samuel Rodolfo Chacon, M.D. Case Numbers: 23-12762-1-9

Dear Ms. Bradley:

With this correspondence we respectfully request that the settlement agreement of the above referenced consolidated actions involving Respondent Samuel Chacon, M.D. be placed on the agenda for the September 12, 2025 meeting of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners for the purpose of its reconsideration of the timing of his payment of costs and expenses. The settlement agreement approved by the Board was negotiated on an expedited basis by the parties under a firm deadline to conclude negotiations, in order to place an agreement onto the Board's June 6, 2025 meeting agenda. The settlement agreement required Respondent to accept a revocation of his license to practice medicine for a period of five (5) years, and pay a specified amount of the costs and expenses of the investigation and prosecution over six monthly payments after the Board's approval of the settlement agreement:

d. Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the above-referenced matters in the amount of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000). Respondent shall pay the aforementioned costs and expenses by way of six (6) payments, the first of five (5) payments in the amount of ten thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$10,833.33) is due on or before July 15, 2025, the second payment is due on or before August 15, 2025, the third payment is due on or before September 15, 2025, the fourth payment is due on or before October 15, 2025, the fifth payment is due on or before November 15, 2025. The sixth and final payment of ten thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars and



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thirty-five cents (\$10,833.35) is due on or before December 15, 2025. The costs and expenses as well as the payment plan are subject to the Board's acceptance, adoption, and approval of this Agreement.

However, in cases involving the revocation of a practitioner's license the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners has a long-established practice of imposing repayment of costs and expenses at the time a Respondent whose license has been revoked applies for license reinstatement – typically after the period of license revocation has ended. This customary practice of collecting costs and expenses at time of application for license reinstatement is evidenced by settlement agreements the Board has reached with many other practitioners, including:

Practitioner	Case No.	Date
Robert Rand, M.D.	17-25704-1	4/16/18
Steven Holper, M.D.	19-8552-1	9/6/19
Gary Ridenour, M.D.	20-6691-1	6/5/20
Morton Hyson, M.D.	22-8616-1	9/16/22
Maryanne Phillipos, M.D.	21-10032-1	10/5/23
Andrew Welch, M.D.	24-5474-1-2	9/13/24
Bihn Min Chung, M.D.	15-20478-1	9/25/24
Frank DeLee, M.D.	24-6109-1	3/7/25
Matthew Okeke, M.D.	24-22461-1-4	6/13/25

For reasons unclear to Respondent, the long-established practice of staying the repayment of costs and expenses until a licensee subject to revocation applies for reinstatement was not followed in preparing or approving this settlement agreement. Presumably, this was a result of the expedited negotiations to meet the meeting agenda deadline. Nevertheless, there is no reason why Respondent should be treated any differently than the numerous other practitioners whose licenses had been revoked by this Board and whose costs and expenses payments were stayed.

The Board has stayed the repayment obligations of other revoked licensees' fees and costs despite, in many instances, those licensees' alleged misconduct having been much more egregious than the misconduct alleged against Respondent. Other practitioners whose repayment obligations had been stayed had high amounts of fines imposed and/or had engaged in criminal misconduct resulting in incarceration. Unlike those other licensees who received more favorable treatment with stayed repayment obligations, Respondent received no fines for his alleged violations and has never been charged with any crime relating to patient care.

By placing this matter on the agenda for the September hearing and reconsidering this settlement agreement the Board may correct the unintentionally accelerated costs and expenses repayment schedule, appropriately amend Respondent's settlement agreement to properly stay his costs and



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expenses repayment, and bring this settlement into an equitable alignment with other revocation settlements the Board has made with many other Nevada practitioners.

We remind the Board that, due to its summary suspension of Respondent's medical license on September 6, 2022, Respondent was unable to practice medicine or provide for his family for almost three (3) years while his cases were litigated before two hearing officers. Further, despite the initial hearing officer's recommendation that his license suspension be lifted pending his full hearing, that recommendation was not followed by the Board without any explanation. Accordingly, Respondent's financial resources were impacted to a much higher degree than the other licensees above whose repayment obligations were stayed.

By means of this request, Respondent simply asks that the Board provide him with equal treatment under the law, and equitably modify the terms of his settlement agreement to stay his repayment of costs and expenses to the date of his reapplication for licensure. We thank the Board for taking this request under its consideration, and hope that this unfortunate situation may be corrected.

Sincerely,

FREEMAN MATHIS & GARY, LLP

/s/ Eric Stryker

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Cc: Deonne Contine, Esq. Ian Cumings, Esq.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of Charges and Complaints

Against:

SAMUEL RODOLFO CHACON, M.D., Respondent.

Case Nos. 23-12762-1 23-12762-2 23-12762-3 23-12762-4 23-12762-5 FILED

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Ian J. Cumings, Senior Deputy General Counsel for the Board and attorney for the IC, and Samuel Rodolfo Chacon, M.D. (Respondent), a licensed physician in Nevada, assisted by his attorney, Eric K. Stryker, Esq., of the law firm of Freeman, Mathis & Gary LLP, hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) based on the following:

A. BACKGROUND

- 1. Respondent is a medical doctor currently licensed in suspended status by the Board pursuant to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) (collectively, the Medical Practice Act) to practice medicine in Nevada. His license was originally issued on July 27, 1999 (License No. 9105).
- 2. On March 27, 2024, in Case No. 23-12762-1, the IC filed a formal First Amended Complaint (Complaint 1) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, the Complaint alleges two (2) violations of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Counts I-II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), Violation of Standards of Practice Established by Regulation Failure to Consult (Count III); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(g), Continual

All agreements and admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of these matters and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving the Board and Respondent. Therefore, Respondent's agreements and admissions are not intended or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government regulatory agency proceeding, state or federal civil or criminal proceeding, any state or federal court proceeding, or any credentialing or privileges matter.

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Failure to Exercise Skill or Diligence (Count IV); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p), Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct (Count V); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1), Deceptive Conduct (Count VI); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count VII); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2), Violation of Standards of Practice - Falsification of Medical Records (Count VIII).

- On September 8, 2023, in Case No. 23-12762-2, the IC filed a formal Complaint 3. (Complaint II) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, Complaint II alleges one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I); one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records (Count II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(8), Failure to Provide Procedures, Studies, Services, and Referrals (Count III); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count IV).
- On September 8, 2023, in Case No. 23-12762-3, the IC filed a formal Complaint 4. (Complaint III) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, Complaint III alleges one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I); one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records (Count II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(8), Failure to Provide Procedures, Studies, Services, and Referrals (Count III); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count IV); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(6), Disruptive Behavior (Count V).
- On October 4, 2023, in Case No. 23-12762-4, the IC filed a formal Complaint 5. (Complaint IV) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, Complaint IV alleges one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I); one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records (Count II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(8), Failure to Provide Procedures, Studies, Services, and Referrals (Count III); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count IV).
- On October 6, 2023, in Case No. 23-12762-5, the IC filed a formal Complaint 6. (Complaint V) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically,

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Complaint V alleges one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I); one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records (Count II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice - Falsification of Medical Records (Count III); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(8), Failure to Provide Procedures, Studies, Services, and Referrals (Count IV); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count V).

- On November 8, 2023, in Case No. 23-12762-6, the IC filed a formal Complaint 7. (Complaint VI) charging Respondent with violating the Medical Practice Act. Specifically, Complaint VI alleges two (2) violations of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Counts I-II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.3062(1)(a), Failure to Maintain Proper Medical Records (Count III); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice - Falsification of Medical Records (Count IV); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(8), Failure to Provide Procedures, Studies, Services, and Referrals (Count V); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7), Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count VI).
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as 8. provided in NRS 630.352.
- On February 26, 2025, through February 28, 2025, a formal Hearing was 9. conducted for Complaint I, in which the Hearing Officer found by a preponderance of the evidence that Counts I-II and Counts V-VIII were proven.
- Respondent was properly served with a copy of the Complaints, has reviewed and 10. understands these Complaints, and has had the opportunity to consult with competent counsel concerning the nature and significance of these Complaints.
- Respondent is hereby advised of his rights regarding these administrative matters, 11. and of his opportunity to defend against the allegations in the Complaints. Specifically, Respondent has certain rights in these administrative matters as set out by the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the Nevada Open Meeting Law (OML), which is contained in NRS Chapter 241, and the Nevada Administrative Procedure Act (APA), which is contained in NRS Chapter 233B and 622A. These rights include the right to

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formal hearings on the allegations in the Complaints, the right to representation by counsel, at his own expense, in the preparation and presentation of his defense, the right to confront and crossexamine the witnesses and evidence against him, the right to written findings of fact, conclusions of law and order reflecting the final decisions of the Board, and the right to judicial review of the Board's orders, if the decisions are adverse to him.

- Respondent understands that, under the Board's charge to protect the public by 12. regulating the practice of medicine, the Board may take disciplinary action against Respondent's license, including license probation, license suspension, license revocation and imposition of administrative fines, as well as any other reasonable requirement or limitation, if the Board concludes that Respondent violated one or more provisions of the Medical Practice Act.
- Respondent understands and agrees that this Agreement, by and between 13. Respondent and the IC, is not with the Board, and that the IC will present this Agreement to the Board for consideration in open session at a duly noticed and scheduled meeting. Respondent understands that the IC shall advocate for the Board's approval of this Agreement, but that the Board has the right to decide in its own discretion whether or not to approve this Agreement. Respondent further understands and agrees that if the Board approves this Agreement, then the terms and conditions enumerated below shall be binding and enforceable upon him and the Board.

TERMS & CONDITIONS B.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to resolve the matters addressed herein, i.e., the matters with regard to the Complaints, Respondent and the IC hereby agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Jurisdiction. Respondent is, and at all times relevant to the Complaints has been, 1. a physician licensed to practice medicine in Nevada subject to the jurisdiction of the Board as set forth in the Medical Practice Act.
- Representation by Counsel/Knowing, Willing and Intelligent Agreement. 2. Respondent acknowledges he is represented by counsel, and wishes to resolve the matters addressed herein with said counsel. Respondent agrees that if representation by counsel in these matters materially changes prior to entering into this Agreement and for the duration of this

Agreement, that counsel for the IC will be timely notified of the material change. Respondent agrees that he knowingly, willingly and intelligently enters into this Agreement after deciding to have a full consultation with and upon the advice of legal counsel.

- 3. Waiver of Rights. In connection with this Agreement, and the associated terms and conditions, Respondent knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights in connection with these administrative matters. Respondent hereby knowingly, willingly and intelligently waives all rights arising under the United States Constitution, the Nevada Constitution, the Medical Practice Act, the OML, the APA, and any other legal rights that may be available to him or that may apply to him in connection with the administrative proceedings resulting from the Complaints filed in these matters, including defense of the Complaints, adjudication of the allegations set forth in the Complaints, and imposition of any disciplinary actions or sanctions ordered by the Board. Respondent agrees to settle and resolve the allegations of the Complaints as set out by this Agreement, without a hearing or any further proceedings and without the right to judicial review.
- 4. Acknowledgement of Reasonable Basis to Proceed. As of the time of entering into this Settlement Agreement, the allegations of the Complaints II-VI remain unproven. Respondent acknowledges that the IC believes it has a reasonable basis to allege that Respondent engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. The IC acknowledges Respondent is not admitting that the IC's claims/counts as alleged in the Complaints have merit and Respondent is agreeing to resolve these matters to avoid the costs of hearing and potential subsequent litigation. Respondent asserts if these matters were to proceed to hearing, he has evidence, witnesses, expert witness(es) and defenses to the counts/claims alleged in the Complaints, but for the purposes of resolving these matters and for no other purpose, Respondent waives the presentation of evidence, witnesses, expert witnesses, and defenses in order to effectuate this Agreement.
- 5. <u>Consent to Entry of Order</u>. In order to resolve the Complaints pending against Respondent, Respondent hereby agrees that the Board may issue an order finding that Respondent

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engaged in conduct that is grounds for discipline pursuant to the Medical Practice Act. Accordingly, the following terms and conditions are hereby agreed upon:

- For the purposes of this Agreement, Respondent admits that sufficient a. evidence exists, and the Hearing Officer has found that specifically Respondent committed two (2) violations of NRS 630.301(4), Malpractice (Count I-II); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(p) Unsafe or Unprofessional Conduct (Count V); one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(1) Deceptive Conduct (Count VI); one (1) violation of NRS 630.301(7) Violation of Patient Trust for Financial Gain (Count VII); and one (1) violation of NRS 630.306(1)(b)(2) Violation of Standards of Practice - Falsification of Medical Records (Count VIII).
- In order to resolve Complaints II-VI pending against Respondent, b. Respondent does not admit any of the counts, but Respondent acknowledges that sufficient evidence may be presented at a hearing, such that the Board could conclude that the counts in Complaints II-VI were proven, and he agrees that the Board may enter a finding that he violated the counts in Complaints II-VI as part of this agreement.
- Respondent hereby agrees that his license to practice medicine is hereby revoked. Respondent shall not reapply for a license for a period of five (5) years after the date of the Board's acceptance, adoption and approval of this Agreement.
- Respondent will pay the costs and expenses incurred in the investigation đ. and prosecution of the above-referenced matters in the amount of sixty-five thousand dollars (\$65,000). Respondent shall pay the aforementioned costs and expenses by way of six (6) payments, the first of five (5) payments in the amount of ten thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents (\$10,833.33) is due on or before July 15, 2025, the second payment is due on or before August 15, 2025, the third payment is due on or before September 15, 2025, the fourth payment is due on or before October 15, 2025, the fifth payment is due on or before November 15, 2025. The sixth and final payment of ten thousand eight hundred thirty-three dollars and thirty-five cents (\$10,833.35) is due on or before December 15, 2025. The costs and III

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expenses as well as the payment plan are subject to the Board's acceptance, adoption, and approval of this Agreement.

- This Agreement shall be reported to the appropriate entities and parties as e. required by law, including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.
 - Respondent shall receive a Public Letter of Reprimand. f.
- The remaining counts of Complaint I, and any other claims arising from the g. Board's corresponding investigative case files in Complaints I-VI, shall be dismissed with prejudice. This agreement shall also encompass any other investigatory matters pending against Respondent.
- Release from Liability. In execution of this Agreement, Respondent understands 6. and agrees that the State of Nevada, the Board, and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents are immune from civil liability for any decision or action taken in good faith in response to information acquired by the Board. NRS 630.364(2)(a). Respondent agrees to release the State of Nevada, the Board. and each of its members, staff, counsel, investigators, experts, peer reviewers, committees, panels, hearing officers, consultants and agents from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have, against any or all of the persons, government agencies or entities named in this paragraph arising out of, or by reason of, this investigation, this Agreement or the administration of the cases referenced herein.
- Procedure for Adoption of Agreement. The IC and counsel for the IC shall 7. recommend approval and adoption of the terms and conditions of this Agreement by the Board in resolution of these Complaints. In the course of seeking Board acceptance, approval and adoption of this Agreement, counsel for the IC may communicate directly with the Board staff and the adjudicating members of the Board.

Respondent acknowledges that such contacts and communications may be made or conducted ex-parté, without notice or opportunity to be heard on his part until the public Board

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meeting where this Agreement is discussed, and that such contacts and communications may include, but may not be limited to, matters concerning this Agreement, the Complaints and any and all information of every nature whatsoever related to these matters. The IC and its counsel agree that Respondent and/or Counsel for the Respondent may appear at the Board meeting where this Agreement is discussed and, if requested, respond to any questions that may be addressed to the IC or the IC's counsel.

- Effect of Acceptance of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board accepts, 8. approves and adopts this Agreement, the Board shall issue a final order, making this Agreement an order of the Board, and, pending full compliance with the terms herein, the cases shall be closed and all remaining claims arising out of the Complaints shall be dismissed with prejudice.
- Effect of Rejection of Agreement by Board. In the event the Board does not 9. accept, approve and adopt this Agreement, this Agreement shall be null, void and of no force and effect except as to the following agreement regarding adjudications: (1) Respondent agrees that, notwithstanding rejection of this Agreement by the Board, nothing contained in this Agreement and nothing that occurs pursuant to efforts of the IC to seek the Board's acceptance of this Agreement shall disqualify any member of the adjudicating panel of the Board from considering these Complaints and from participating in disciplinary proceedings against Respondent, including adjudication of these cases; and (2) Respondent further agrees that he shall not seek to disqualify any such member absent evidence of bad faith.
- Binding Effect. If approved by the Board, Respondent understands that this 10. Agreement is a binding and enforceable contract upon Respondent and the Board.
- Forum Selection Clause. The parties agree that in the event either party is 11. required to seek enforcement of this Agreement in district court, the party's consent to such jurisdiction and agree that exclusive jurisdiction shall be in the Second Judicial District Court, State of Nevada, Washoe County.
- Attorneys' Fees and Costs. The parties agree that in the event an action is 12. commenced in district court to enforce any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.

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Respondent

13. Failure to Comply with Terms. Should Respondent fail to comply with any term or condition of this Agreement once the Agreement has been accepted, approved and adopted by the Board, which constitutes a failure to comply with an order of the Board, and may result in additional disciplinary action being taken against Respondent. NRS 630.3065(2)(a). Additionally, failure to pay any fines, costs, expenses or fees owed to the Board pursuant to this Agreement will result in additional disciplinary action, unless within ten (10) calendar days of the payment due date, Respondent notifies the Board in writing of the inability to comply with the payment terms and requests to appear before the Board at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to request a modification to any payments ordered in this Agreement. Further, Respondent's failure to remit payment to the Board for monies agreed to be paid as a condition of this Agreement may subject Respondent to civil collection efforts. DATED this 30 day of My 2025. DATED this 30th day of May FREEMAN, MATHIS & GARY LLP

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<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, the foregoing Settlement Agreement (Case Nos. 23-12762-1, 23-12762-2, 23-12762-3, 23-12762-4, 23-12762-5, 23-12762-6) was approved and accepted by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on the 6th day of June, 2025.

DATED this 6th day of June, 2025.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

NICK M. SPIRTOS, M.D., F.A.C.O.G

Board President