

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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3 In the Matter of

4 **RICHARD E. STANDRIDGE, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 14835
6 For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-08-0553A

**CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
SURRENDER OF LICENSE**

7 **CONSENT AGREEMENT**

8 By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Medical Board
9 ("Board") and Richard E. Standridge, M.D. ("Respondent"), the parties agreed to the
10 following disposition of this matter.

11 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
12 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Consent Agreement").
13 Respondent acknowledges that he has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding
14 this matter and has done so or chooses not to do so.

15 2. By entering into this Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily
16 relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the
17 matters alleged, or to challenge this Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued by the
18 Board, and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Consent
19 Agreement.

20 3. This Consent Agreement is not effective until approved by the Board and
21 signed by its Executive Director.

22 4. The Board may adopt this Consent Agreement or any part thereof. This
23 Consent Agreement, or any part thereof, may be considered in any future disciplinary
24 action against Respondent.

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1 5. This Consent Agreement does not constitute a dismissal or resolution of other
2 matters currently pending before the Board, if any, and does not constitute any waiver,
3 express or implied, of the Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other
4 pending or future investigation, action or proceeding. The acceptance of this Consent
5 Agreement does not preclude any other agency, subdivision or officer of this State from
6 instituting other civil or criminal proceedings with respect to the conduct that is the subject
7 of this Consent Agreement.

8 6. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this
9 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving
10 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended
11 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government
12 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or
13 any other state or federal court.

14 7. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof) to
15 the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the acceptance of the
16 Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
17 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
18 by the parties.

19 8. If the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, Respondent will not
20 assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of this Consent Agreement constitutes
21 bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

22 9. This Consent Agreement, once approved and signed, is a public record that will
23 be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board and will be reported to the
24 National Practitioner Data Bank and to the Arizona Medical Board's website.

1 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

2 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of
3 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

4 2. Respondent is the holder of license number 14835 for the practice of
5 allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

6 3. The Board initiated case number MD-08-0553A after receiving notification
7 that Respondent was convicted in the U.S. District Court Middle District of Florida on
8 eleven counts of fraud, mail fraud, and money laundering.

9 4. According to court documents, from 2001 through 2002, Respondent
10 allegedly conspired to defraud clients of nationwide professional employer organizations
11 into paying workers' compensation insurance premiums for fraudulent, illegal, and sham
12 workers' compensation insurance coverage. Respondent and others allegedly used
13 names of purported insurance companies and offshore foreign corporations to legitimize
14 their fraudulent scheme.

15 5. Following a criminal trial, Respondent was convicted of several counts of
16 fraud and money laundering and was sentenced to eighteen years imprisonment.
17 Respondent is currently appealing the conviction.

18 6. Respondent admits that the Board has substantial evidence that, if accepted
19 by the finder of the facts, would establish unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-
20 1401(27)(d) ("[c]ommitting a felony, whether or not involving moral turpitude, or a
21 misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by any court of
22 competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.").

23 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

24 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
25 Respondent.

