

1 within the same building or suite providing direct supervision over the PA. Respondent
2 did not provide the type of supervision required for this billing code to be utilized.

3 5. BCBSAZ has confirmed that the PAs supervised by Respondent have since
4 obtained a new contract and are billing under their own NPIs.

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6 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

7 a. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
8 Respondent.

9 b. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
10 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(v) ("[o]btaining a fee by fraud, deceit or
11 misrepresentation.").

12 c. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
13 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(ii) ("[l]ack of or inappropriate direction,
14 collaboration or direct supervision of a medical assistant or a licensed, certified or
15 registered health care provider employed by, supervised by or assigned to the physician.").

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17 **ORDER**

18 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

19 1. Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand.

20 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 8th day of February, 2016.

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22 ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

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24 By Patricia E. McSorley
25 Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

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2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
3 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
4 acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

5 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Order is entered into freely
6 and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to induce such entry.

7 3. By consenting to this Order, Respondent voluntarily relinquishes any rights to
8 a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the matters alleged, or to challenge
9 this Order in its entirety as issued by the Board, and waives any other cause of action
10 related thereto or arising from said Order.

11 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
12 Executive Director.

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

19 6. Upon signing this agreement, and returning this document (or a copy thereof)
20 to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the consent to the entry of
21 the Order. Respondent may not make any modifications to the document. Any
22 modifications to this original document are ineffective and void unless mutually approved
23 by the parties.

1 7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal
2 disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data
3 Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

4 8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a
5 defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice,
6 prejudgment or other similar defense.

7 9. ***Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.***

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9 Celia Elias M.D.
10 CELIA ELIAS, M.D.

DATED: 12/20/2015

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12 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
13 this 8th day of February, 2016 to:

14 Celia Elias, M.D.
15 Address of Record

16 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
17 this 8th day of February, 2016 with:

18 Arizona Medical Board
19 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
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19 Mary Baber
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