



7. On or about March 20, 2002, Respondent entered a guilty plea in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska in case number 8:99CR72 to one (1) count of Health Care Fraud, a felony offense, in violation of Title 18 USC 1347.
8. The offense Health Care Fraud is a crime involving the qualifications, functions and duties of Respondent's profession.
9. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to section 334.100.2(2), RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### **COUNT II**

10. Paragraphs 1 through 9, above, are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
11. On or about October 27, 2003, the Nebraska Medical Board issued an Order by Agreed Settlement ("Nebraska Order"), in which Respondent voluntarily surrendered her Nebraska medical license.
12. The Nebraska Order constitutes final disciplinary action against Respondent's Nebraska medical license.
13. The Nebraska Order was based on Respondent's conviction for the felony offense Health Care Fraud.
14. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to sections 334.100.2(8) and 334.102.7(1)(b), RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### **COUNT III**

15. Paragraphs 1 through 14, above, are incorporated by references as if fully set forth herein.
16. On or about June 28, 2005, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, Division of Professional Regulation ("Illinois Board") issued an Order ("1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Order"), suspending

Respondent's Illinois license until July 31, 2005 and thereafter placing Respondent's Illinois license on probation for five (5) years.

17. The 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Order was based on Respondent's conviction for the felony offense Health Care Fraud.
18. The 1<sup>st</sup> Illinois Order constitutes final disciplinary action against Respondent's Illinois medical license.
19. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to sections 334.100.2(8) and 334.102.7(1)(b), RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### COUNT IV

20. Paragraphs 1 through 19, above, are incorporated by references as if fully set forth herein.
21. On or about July 8, 2009, Respondent entered a guilty plea in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in case no. 4:08-cr-00496 to one (1) count of Making a False Statement to a Government Agency, a felony offense, in violation of 18 USC 1001(a)(2).
22. The above guilty plea was based on Respondent making a false statement to a government agent during an investigation regarding her employer.
23. The offense Making False Statement to a Government Agency involves fraud, dishonestly or moral turpitude.
24. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to section 334.100.2(2), RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### COUNT V

25. Paragraphs 1 through 24, above, are incorporated by references as if fully set forth herein.
26. On or about July 8, 2010, the Illinois Board issued a Consent Order ("2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Order") indefinitely suspending Respondent's Illinois medical license.

27. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Order was based upon Respondent's conviction for the felony offense Making False Statement to a Government Agency.
28. The Illinois Order constitutes final disciplinary action against Respondent's Illinois medical license.
29. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to sections 334.100.2(8) and 334.102.7(1)(b), RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### **COUNT VI**

30. Paragraphs 1 through 29, above, are incorporated by references as if fully set forth herein.
31. On or about September 25, 2014, the Hawaii Medical Board denied Respondent's application for licensure as a physician and surgeon.
32. In addition to denying Respondent's application for licensure, the Hawaii Board alleged that Respondent made untruthful statements regarding her Specialty Board Certification by the American Board of Internal Medicine while appearing before the board to discuss her application on September 11, 2014.
33. The above constitutes cause to deny Respondent's application for licensure pursuant to section 334.103.2, RSMo. The above is also evidence of dishonorable or unprofessional conduct, and is not satisfactory evidence of good moral character pursuant to section 334.031.1, RSMo and 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1).

#### **BASIS FOR DENIAL**

34. The Board has cause to deny the license application pursuant to sections 334.031.1, 334.100.2(2), 334.100.2(8), 334.102.7(1)(b), 334.103.2, RSMo and regulation 20 CSR 2150-2.010(1), which state:

334.031. 1. Candidates for licenses as physicians and surgeons shall furnish satisfactory evidence of their good moral character, and their preliminary qualifications, to wit: a certificate of graduation from an accredited high school or its equivalent, and satisfactory evidence of completion of preprofessional education consisting of a minimum of sixty semester hours of college credits in acceptable subjects leading towards the degree of bachelor of arts or bachelor of science from an accredited college or university. They shall also furnish satisfactory evidence of having attended throughout at least four terms

of thirty-two weeks of actual instructions in each term and of having received a diploma from some reputable medical college or osteopathic college that enforces requirements of four terms of thirty-two weeks for actual instruction in each term, including, in addition to class work, such experience in operative and hospital work during the last two years of instruction as is required by the American Medical Association and the American Osteopathic Association before the college is approved and accredited as reputable. Any medical college approved and accredited as reputable by the American Medical Association or the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and any osteopathic college approved and accredited as reputable by the American Osteopathic Association is deemed to have complied with the requirements of this subsection.

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334.100.2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621 against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered the person's certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(2) The person has been finally adjudicated and found guilty, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, in a criminal prosecution under the laws of any state or of the United States, for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated pursuant to this chapter, for any offense involving fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed;

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(8) Revocation, suspension, restriction, modification, limitation, reprimand, warning, censure, probation or other final disciplinary action against the holder of or applicant for a license or other right to practice any profession regulated by this chapter by another state, territory, federal agency or country, whether or not voluntarily agreed to by the licensee or applicant, including, but not limited to, the denial of licensure, surrender of the license, allowing the license to expire or lapse, or discontinuing or limiting the practice of medicine while subject to an investigation or while actually under investigation by any licensing authority, medical facility, branch of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, insurance company, court, agency of the state or federal government, or employer;

334.102.7. (1) The board may initiate a hearing before the board for discipline of any licensee's license or certificate upon receipt of one of the following:

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(b) Evidence of final disciplinary action against the licensee's license, certification or registration issued by any other state, by any other agency

or entity of this state or any other state or the United States or its territories, or any other country;

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334.103.2. Anyone who has been denied a license, permit or certificate to practice in another state shall automatically be denied a license to practice in this state. However, the board of healing arts may set up other qualifications by which such person may ultimately be qualified and licensed to practice in Missouri.

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20 CSR 2150-2.010(1) The applicant shall furnish satisfactory evidence as to their innocence of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and good moral character, including postgraduate reference letters from the applicant's training programs.

#### DECISION AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

35. Based on the foregoing, Respondent's application for licensure is hereby DENIED.
36. If Respondent wishes to appeal this Order, she may do so by filing an appeal with the Administrative Hearing Commission within thirty (30) days of the effective date. Respondent may contact the Administrative Hearing Commission at P.O. Box 1557, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 28<sup>th</sup> DAY OF March, 2016



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Connie Clarkston, Executive Director  
Missouri State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts

BEFORE THE  
STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS  
STATE OF MISSOURI

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION	)	
FOR THE HEALING ARTS,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	
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v.	)	Case No. 1999-000673
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RAJITHA GOLI, M.D.,	)	
	)	
Respondent.	)	

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW  
AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

This matter appears before the State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts pursuant to a Complaint filed in the above-styled case. Pursuant to a Notice of Automatic Revocation Hearing, a hearing was held on Saturday, January 25, 2003, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, Jefferson City, Missouri. The Board was represented by Assistant Attorney General William S. Vanderpool. Assistant Attorney General Nicole Sublett served as the Board's legal advisor. Respondent was not present for the hearing and no one appeared on her behalf. During the hearing, the Board reviewed all evidence presented by Petitioner. The Board considered the exhibits and evidence in reaching its decision.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts is an entity created under § 334.120, RSMo, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo, by registering, licensing, and supervising all physicians and surgeons.

2. Section 334.103, RSMo 2000, states, in pertinent part:

1. The license of a physician shall be automatically revoked at such time as the final trial proceedings are concluded whereby a physician has been adjudicated and found guilty, or has entered a plea of guilty or *nolo contendere*, in a felony criminal prosecution under the laws of the state of Missouri, the laws of any other state, or the laws of the United States of America for any offense reasonably related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician, or for any felony offense, an essential element of which is fraud, dishonesty or an act of violence, or for any felony offense involving moral turpitude, whether or not sentence is imposed.... The license of any such physician shall be automatically reinstated if the conviction or the revocation is ultimately set aside upon final appeal in any court of competent jurisdiction.

3. Rajitha Goli, M.D., (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed by the Board, license number 119687. Respondent's certificate of registration is current.

4. On or about January 6, 2003, Notice of Automatic Revocation Hearing was delivered to Respondent, via certified mail #7099 3220 0008 9760 2321, return receipt requested.

5. On or about March 20, 2002, in the United States District Court for the District of Nebraska, Respondent entered a guilty plea to one (1) felony count of health care fraud in the case *United States of America v. Rajitha Goli*, case number 8:99CR72.

6. The felony offense of health care fraud is reasonably related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a physician.

7. The felony offense of health care fraud includes an essential element of fraud or dishonesty, and is a felony offense involving moral turpitude.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Revocation is authorized in this State pursuant to § 334.103, RSMo.
2. The findings of fact as set forth herein show cause for this Board to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to Section 334.103, RSMo.

**DECISION AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that upon the effective date of this Order, Respondent's license, number 119687, to practice the Healing Arts in the State of Missouri shall be, and is hereby, REVOKED. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts further Orders that Respondent shall not apply for reinstatement of her license for seven (7) years from the effective date of this Order. Respondent is directed to immediately return to the Board her wall-hanging certificate, license and pocket card, and all other indicia of licensure.

IT IS SO ORDERED, effective this 4 day of February, 2003.

STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
FOR THE HEALING ARTS

  
Tina Steinman  
Executive Director

**ORDER OF THE**  
**STATE BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR THE HEALING ARTS**  
**REGARDING ISSUANCE OF A RESTRICTED LICENSE**  
**TO RAJITHA GOLI**

The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ("Board") hereby issues its ORDER granting a RESTRICTED license to Rajitha Goli ("Goli"), pursuant to the provisions of § 334.100.1, RSMo. As set forth in § 334.100.1, RSMo., Goli may submit a written request for a hearing to the Administrative Hearing Commission seeking review of the Board's decision to issue a restricted license to Goli. Such written request should be addressed to the Administrative Hearing Commission, P.O. Box 1557, Truman Building Rm. 604, Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557. If no written request for review is received by the Administrative Hearing Commission within the thirty (30) day period, the right to seek review of the Board's decision shall be considered as waived.

Should Goli file a written request for review of this Order, the terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in force and effect unless and/or until such time as the Administrative Hearing Commission issues an order contrary to this Order.

I.

STATEMENT OF FACTS AND BASIS FOR DECISION

1. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts ("Board") is an entity created under § 334.120, RSMo 1994, for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of Chapter 334, RSMo, by registering, licensing and supervising all physicians and surgeons.

2. Rajitha Goli ("Goli") is a physician licensed in Nebraska, license number 036-078753.

3. On or about December 22, 1992, Goli was given provisional privileges at Good Samaritan Hospital ("GSH") in Kearney, Nebraska.

4. Goli practiced as a cardiologist at GSH, and performed invasive pacemaker implants as part of her practice.

5. Goli's complication rates for invasive pacemaker implantation were in excess of the expected range for the procedure.

6. During or about March of 1995, a proctor was assigned to Goli for all permanent pacemaker implantations for a period of six months.

7. During or about August of 1996, Goli's surgical pacemaker privileges at GSH were summarily suspended.

8. During or about October of 1996, Goli's clinical privileges at GSH were summarily suspended.

9. Although clinical privileges were reinstated, the suspension of surgical pacemaker privileges was made permanent by the Board of Directors of GSH.

10. On or about September 16, 1998, Goli applied for a license to practice the healing arts in Missouri.

11. Cause exists for the Board to issue a restricted license to Goli, pursuant to the provisions of § 334.100.1 and .2(4)(g), RSMo Supp. 1998, which state in part:

1. The board may refuse to issue or renew any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required pursuant to this chapter for one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board shall notify the applicant in writing of the reasons for the refusal and shall advise the applicant of his right to file a complaint with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo. As an alternative to a refusal to issue or renew any certificate, registration or authority, the board may, at its discretion, issue a license which is subject to probation, restriction or limitation to an applicant for licensure for any one or any combination of causes stated in subsection 2 of this section. The board's order of probation, limitation or restriction shall contain a statement of the discipline imposed, the basis therefore, the date such action shall become effective, and a statement that the applicant has thirty days to request in writing a hearing before the administrative hearing commission. If the board issues a probationary, limited or restricted license to an applicant for licensure, either party may file a written petition with the administrative hearing commission within thirty days of the effective date of the probationary, limited or restricted license seeking review of the board's determination. If no written request for a hearing is received by the administrative hearing commission within the thirty-day period, the right to seek review of the board's decision shall be considered as waived.

2. The board may cause a complaint to be filed with the administrative hearing commission as provided by chapter 621, RSMo, against any holder of any certificate of registration or authority, permit or license required by this chapter or any person who has failed to renew or has surrendered his certificate of registration or authority, permit or license for any one or any combination of the following causes:

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(4) Misconduct, fraud, misrepresentation, dishonesty, unethical conduct or unprofessional conduct in the performance of the functions or duties of any profession licensed or regulated by this chapter, including . . .

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(g) Final disciplinary action by any professional medical or osteopathic association or society or licensed hospital or medical staff of such hospital in this or any other

state or territory, whether agreed to voluntarily or not, and including, but not limited to, any removal, suspension, limitation, or restriction of his license or staff or hospital privileges, failure to renew such privileges or license for cause, or other final disciplinary action, if the action was in any way related to unprofessional conduct, professional incompetence, malpractice or any other violation of any provision of this chapter;

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12. Pursuant to the provisions of §334.100.1, RSMo, the Board hereby issues license no. 119687 to Goli. Such license is issued subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein below.

## II.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Based upon the information provided, the Board determined that Goli is qualified to engage in the practice of medicine. However, given the disciplinary action taken against Goli by Good Samaritan Hospital and problems experienced by Goli with invasive pacemaker implantation, the Board determined that the following terms and conditions are necessary to ensure that the public health, safety and welfare is protected. Based on the foregoing, the license issued to Goli is subject to the following restrictions:

1. Rajitha Goli's ("Licensee") license is hereby RESTRICTED in that she may not perform invasive pacemaker implantations in Missouri until the terms and conditions of this ORDER have been met.

2. Licensee shall perform her first twelve invasive pacemaker implantations within a twenty-four month period under the supervision of a Board-approved proctor.

a. The proctor must submit a letter to the Board agreeing to proctor Licensee. This letter should state that the proctor has read this Order and understands his responsibilities as outlined in this Order.

b. The proctor shall be physically present in the operating room during each of the surgeries.

c. The proctor shall co-sign all reports and notes which are created before and/or after each surgery.

d. Any expenses or costs incurred by the physician, as a result of proctoring a surgery, shall be paid by Licensee. This includes compensation for the hours taken from the physician's own practice for proctoring the surgery and reviewing any notes/records created as a result of the surgery.

e. The proctor shall submit a written report to the Board. This report shall include the following: factual information concerning each proctored case, analysis of Licensee's performance during each surgery and evaluation of Licensee's clinical skills during each surgery. The report shall also include an overall evaluation of Licensee's clinical skills based on the proctor's observations of Licensee during the surgeries.

f. The proctor's written report shall be submitted to the Board within 30 days of the twelfth case within a twenty-four month period.

g. Upon completion of the proctored surgeries and the submission of a written report by the proctor, Licensee may petition the Board for an unrestricted license. It is within the Board's discretion whether or not to grant Licensee an unrestricted license.

h. In the event that the Board-approved proctor is unable to carry out his responsibilities according to this Order, Licensee shall not perform pacemaker implantations until such time as she has obtained another Board-approved proctor. If Licensee changes proctors, the new proctor shall have the option to proctor twelve new cases.

3. The State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts shall maintain this ORDER as an open and public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 334, 610, and 620, RSMo.

SO ORDERED EFFECTIVE THIS 4 DAY OF <sup>August</sup>~~JULY~~, 1999.

  
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Tina Steinman, Executive Director  
State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts