COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

Adjudicatory Case No. 2020-052 (Docket No. RM-20-0169)

In the Matter of ANILKUMAR KATTA, M.D.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

The Board initiated this matter by issuing a Statement of Allegations against Anilkumar Katta, M.D. ("Respondent") on December 4, 2020 and referring the matter to the Division of Administrative Law Appeals ("DALA"). The DALA Administrative Magistrate issued a Recommended Decision on August 6, 2021 that attaches and incorporates by reference the Parties' August 5, 2021 Stipulation. There were no objections to the Recommended Decision.

After full consideration of the Recommended Decision, as well as the Parties' Memoranda on Disposition, the Board hereby adopts the Recommended Decision in its entirety, imposing the following sanction:

Sanction

The record indicates that the Respondent was convicted of one count of Assault and Battery on a Household/Family Member, involving a physical domestic dispute with his wife.

The Magistrate concluded that the Respondent lacks good moral character and has engaged in conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. <u>See Levy v. Board of Registration in Medicine</u>, 378 Mass. 519 (1979); <u>Raymond v.</u> Board of Registration in Medicine, 387 Mass. 708 (1982). The Board has the statutory authority to discipline physicians in order to protect the public health, welfare, and safety. <u>See Levy</u>, *supra*. The Board has imposed reprimands in matters involving domestic assault and battery charges. <u>See In the Matter of Gueorgui D.</u> <u>Dimov, M.D.</u>, Board of Registration in Medicine, Adjudicatory Case No. 2017-009 (Consent Order, March 9, 2017)(physician reprimanded in connection with the charge of assault and battery on a family or household member which were dismissed by the court following completion of the terms of his probation); <u>In the Matter of Christopher Palacios, M.D.</u>, Board of Registration in Medicine, 2015-002 (Consent Order, January 8, 2015)(physician reprimanded for his admission to sufficient facts concerning an altercation with his then wife, a matter which was continued without a finding for one year).

Given the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth by the Recommended Decision, and as stipulated, the Board hereby REPRIMANDS the Respondent's license to practice medicine.

The Respondent shall provide a complete copy of this Final Decision and Order, with all exhibits and attachments, within ten (10) days by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by hand delivery to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which he practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with which he has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which he has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not he practices medicine there; the state licensing boards of all states with which he has any kind of license to practice medicine; the Drug Enforcement Administration – Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent shall also provide this

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notification to any such designated entities with which he becomes associated for one year following the imposition of this reprimand. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within ten (10) days that he has complied with this directive. The Board expressly reserves the authority to independently notify, at any time, any of the entities designated above, or any other affected entity, of any action taken.

The Respondent has the right to appeal this Final Decision and Order within thirty (30) days, pursuant to G.L. c. 30A §§14 and 15, and G.L. c. 112, § 64.

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DATE: December 16, 2021

Julian Robinson, M.D. Chair