COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS. Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No.

In the Matter of

HOOSHANG POOR, M.D.

**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) has determined that good cause exists to believe the following acts occurred and constitute a violation for which a licensee may be sanctioned by the Board. The Board therefore alleges Hooshang Poor, M.D., (Respondent) practiced medicine in violation of law, regulations, or good and accepted medical practice as set forth herein. The investigative docket numbers associated with this order to show cause are Docket Nos. 20-565 and 22-287.

# Biographical Information

1. The Respondent is a 1977 graduate of the University of Pahlavi Faculty of Medicine in Shiraz, Iran. Since 1982, he has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts under certificate number 50091. The Respondent specializes in geriatric medicine and sees patients at several nursing homes. He is associated with New England Baptist Hospital.

Factual Allegations

1. The Massachusetts Prescription Awareness Tool (MassPAT) displays all Schedules II-V federally controlled substances dispensed to patients.
2. On or about December 5, 2014, physicians were required to check MassPAT prior to prescribing opioids listed in Schedules II and III.
3. From 2014 to 2020, the Respondent prescribed opioids listed in Schedules II and III to numerous nursing home patients.
4. From 2014 to 2020, the Respondent did not check MassPAT prior to prescribing opioids listed in Schedules II and III.
5. On May 26, 2022, the Respondent entered into settlement agreement with the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office in which he agreed to pay $100,000 for failure to check MassPAT prior to writing 51 prescriptions between January 5, 2019, and June 5, 2020.

Legal Basis for Proposed Relief

1. Pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §5, eighth par. (b), and 243 C.M.R.1.03(5)(a) 2 the Board may discipline a physician upon proof satisfactory to a majority of the Board that said physician committed an offense against any provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the practice of medicine, or any rule or regulation adopted thereunder, to wit:

(i) 105 CMR 700.00 as it pertains to mandatory review of the MassPat system for the issuance of certain prescriptions.

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §§ 5, 61 and 62. This adjudicatory proceeding will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 30A and 801 CMR 1.01.

Nature of Relief Sought

The Board is authorized and empowered to order appropriate disciplinary action, which may include revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license to practice medicine. The Board may also order, in addition to or instead of revocation or suspension, one or more of the following: admonishment, censure, reprimand, fine, the performance of uncompensated public service, a course of education or training or other restrictions upon the Respondent's practice of medicine.

# Order

Wherefore, the Respondent is hereby **ORDERED** to show cause why the Board should not discipline the Respondent for the conduct described herein.

By the Board of Registration in Medicine,

Signed by Holly Oh, M.D.

Holly Oh, M.D.

Vice Chair, Physician Member

Date: August 3, 2023