

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS  
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING  
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE

In the Matter of  
ROOHI SALMAN ALI, P.T.  
License No. 55-01-004937

Complaint No. 55-16-140557

CONSENT ORDER AND STIPULATION

CONSENT ORDER

An administrative complaint was filed with the Disciplinary Subcommittee of the Board of Physical Therapy on February 25, 2020, charging Roohi Salman Ali, P.T. (Respondent) with having violated sections 16221(a), (b)(i), (b)(vi), (b)(ix) and (d)(iii) of the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.*

Based on Respondent's conviction alleged in the administrative complaint and pursuant to section 16233(5) of the Public Health Code, the Department summarily suspended Respondent's license to practice as a physical therapist by order dated February 25, 2020.

The parties have stipulated that the Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter this consent order. The Disciplinary Subcommittee has reviewed the stipulation contained in this document and agrees that the public interest is best served by resolution of the outstanding complaint. Therefore, the Disciplinary Subcommittee finds that the allegations of fact contained in the complaint are true and that Respondent has violated sections 16221(a), (b)(i), (b)(vi), (b)(ix) and (d)(iii) of the Public Health Code.

Accordingly, for these violations, IT IS ORDERED:

The order of summary suspension previously issued is DISSOLVED.

Respondent's license is SUSPENDED for a period of six months and one day.

Respondent is FINED \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00/100) to be paid by check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to the State of Michigan (with complaint number 55-16-140557 clearly indicated on the check or money order), prior to petitioning for reinstatement. The timely payment of the fine shall be Respondent's responsibility. Respondent shall mail the fine to: Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, Enforcement Division, Compliance Section, P.O. Box 30189, Lansing, Michigan 48909.


Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in complying with the terms and conditions of this consent order.

If Respondent violates any term or condition set forth in this order, Respondent will be in violation of Mich Admin Code, R 338.1632, and section 16221(h) of the Public Health Code.

This order shall be effective 30 days from the date signed by the Chairperson of the Disciplinary Subcommittee or the Disciplinary Subcommittee's authorized representative, as set forth below.

Signed on July 20, 2021

MICHIGAN BOARD OF PHYSICAL  
THERAPY

By  for  
Chairperson, Disciplinary  
Subcommittee

## STIPULATION

The parties stipulate as follows:

1. The facts alleged in the complaint are true and constitute a violation of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent understands and intends that, by signing this stipulation, she is waiving the right under the Public Health Code, rules promulgated under the Public Health Code, and the Administrative Procedures Act of 1969, MCL 24.201 *et seq.*, to require the Department to prove the charges set forth in the complaint by presentation of evidence and legal authority, and to present a defense to the charges before the Disciplinary Subcommittee or its authorized representative. Should the Disciplinary Subcommittee reject the proposed consent order, the parties reserve the right to proceed to hearing.

3. The Disciplinary Subcommittee may enter the above consent order, supported by Board conferee Sarah McAllister, P.T. Ms. McAllister or an attorney from the Licensing and Regulation Division may discuss this matter with the Disciplinary Subcommittee in order to recommend acceptance of this resolution.

4. Ms. McAllister and the parties considered the following factors in reaching this agreement:

- A. Respondent provided the federal government immediate and substantial cooperation over a period of years following her arrest.
- B. Respondent represents being remorseful for her actions.


C. In the conferee's view, any restitution concerns are adequately addressed by Respondent's federal criminal sentence, which includes a forfeiture money judgment of \$5,771,010.10.

By signing this stipulation, the parties confirm that they have read, understand, and agree with the terms of the consent order.

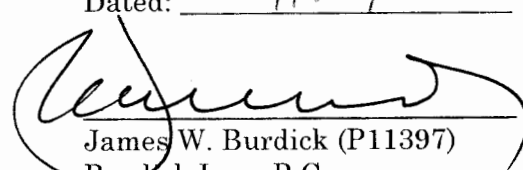
AGREED TO BY:

/s/ Aleksandrs K. Bomis  
Aleksandrs K. Bomis (P74311)  
Assistant Attorney General  
Attorney for Complainant  
Dated: April 29, 2021

AGREED TO BY:

  
Roohi Salman Ali, P.T.  
Respondent

Dated: 4/20/21

  
James W. Burdick (P11397)  
Burdick Law, P.C.  
Attorney for Respondent  
Dated: 04/26/21

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ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

The Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent, as provided by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq*; the rules promulgated under the Code; and the Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq*.

MCL 333.16233(5) requires that the Department find that the public health, safety, or welfare require emergency action, if a licensee or registrant is convicted of a felony; a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum of two years; or a misdemeanor involving the illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance; and

Based on MCL 333.16233(5) and Respondent's conviction, as set forth in the Administrative Complaint, the Department finds that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Michigan is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED, commencing the date this Order is served.

Under Mich Admin Code, R 792.10702, Respondent may petition for the dissolution of this Order by filing a document clearly titled **Petition for Dissolution of Summary Suspension** with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Professional Licensing, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF  
LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

Dated: 02/25/2020



By: Debra Gagliardi, Director  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, by Debra Gagliardi, Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing, complains against Respondent as follows:

1. The Michigan Board of Physical Therapy is an administrative agency established by the Public Health Code, MCL 333.1101 *et seq.* Pursuant to MCL 333.16226, the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee is empowered to discipline persons for violations of the Public Health Code.

2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice as a physical therapist in the state of Michigan.

3. Pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5):

If a licensee or registrant is convicted of a felony; a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for a maximum term of 2 years; or a misdemeanor involving the illegal delivery, possession, or use of a controlled substance, the department shall find that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action

and, in accordance with section 92 of the administrative procedures act of 1969, MCL 24.292, shall summarily suspend the licensee's license or the registrant's registration.

4. At all relevant times, Respondent was a co-owner and physical therapist at Universal Homecare, Inc., Abacus Home Health Care, Inc., and Orchard Home Health Care, Inc. (facilities) in Southfield, Michigan, Farmington Hills, Michigan, and Clawson, Michigan.

5. From in or about October 2005 through in or about March 2013, Respondent engaged in a conspiracy whereby Respondent and her co-conspirators billed for home health visits that never occurred or were medically unnecessary. Respondent and her co-conspirators would offer and provide kickbacks and bribes to beneficiary recruiters, who would themselves offer and provide kickbacks and bribes to Medicare beneficiaries, in exchange for the beneficiaries' Medicare numbers and signatures on documents falsely indicating the beneficiaries had received physical therapy and other services from Respondent and her co-conspirators. In order to evade detection, Respondent and her co-conspirators would create fictitious therapy files that appeared to document the provision of physical therapy and other services, when no such services were ever provided. Respondent and her co-conspirators fraudulently submitted and received payment for claims to the Medicare program in the amount of approximately \$15 million. Of that amount, Respondent personally caused to be paid \$5,771,010.10 in false and fraudulent claims.

6. On January 16, 2020, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of Health Care Fraud Conspiracy, in case number 0645 2:13CR20365 (2). Respondent was sentenced to serve 18 months in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons, followed by two years of supervised release, with terms, and ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00 and restitution of \$ \$5,771,010.10. A copy of the conviction documents, marked Exhibit A, is attached and incorporated.

#### COUNT I

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a violation of general duty, consisting of negligence or failure to exercise due care, including negligent delegation to or supervision of employees or other individuals, whether or not injury results, in violation of MCL 333.16221(a).

#### COUNT II

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences a departure from, or failure to conform to, minimal standards of acceptable and prevailing practice for the health profession, whether or not actual injury to an individual occurs, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(i).

### COUNT III

Respondent's conduct demonstrates Respondent's lack of a "propensity on the part of the person to serve the public in the licensed area in a fair, honest, and open manner," MCL 338.41(1), and, accordingly, a lack of good moral character, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(vi).

### COUNT IV

Respondent's conviction for Health Care Fraud Conspiracy, as set forth above, constitutes a conviction of a felony involving fraud in obtaining or attempting to obtain fees related to the practice of a health profession, in violation of MCL 333.16221(b)(ix).

### COUNT V

Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, evidences fraud or deceit in obtaining or attempting to obtain third party reimbursement, in violation of MCL 333.16221(d)(iii).

RESPONDENT IS NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16233(5), the Department states that the public health, safety, or welfare requires emergency action and, accordingly, Respondent's license to practice as a physical therapist shall be summarily suspended, pending a hearing and final determination of this matter.

RESPONDENT IS FURTHER NOTIFIED that, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(8), Respondent has 30 days from the date of receipt of this Complaint to answer this Complaint in writing and to show compliance with all lawful requirements for licensure. Respondent shall submit the response to the Bureau of Professional Licensing, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, P.O. Box 30670, Lansing, MI 48909.

Respondent's failure to submit an answer within 30 days is an admission of the allegations in this Complaint. If Respondent fails to answer, the Department shall transmit this Complaint directly to the Board's Disciplinary Subcommittee to impose a sanction, pursuant to MCL 333.16231(9).

Dated: 02/25/2020



Debra Gagliardi, Director  
Bureau of Professional Licensing

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