

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In the Matter of the
Medical License of
Joseph Berdecia-Rodriguez, M.D.
Year of Birth: 1958
License Number: 54,017

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

1. The Minnesota Board of Medical Practice ("Board") is authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 147.001 through 147.37 (2014) to license, regulate, and discipline persons who apply for, petition, or hold licenses to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota and is further authorized pursuant to Minn. Stat. §§ 214.10 and 214.103 (2014) to review complaints against physicians, to investigate such complaints, and to initiate appropriate disciplinary action.

2. Joseph Berdecia-Rodriguez, M.D. ("Respondent"), has been and now is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board from which he holds a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota.

3. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 270C.72, subd. 1 (2014), the license of a physician must be revoked if the licensee owes the State delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest, and the Minnesota Commissioner of Revenue so notifies the Board.

4. On September 8, 2015, the Board received a Notice of License Revocation from the Minnesota Department of Revenue, which advised the Board of Respondent's outstanding tax liability, and under Minn. Stat. §§ 270C.72 and/or 16D.08, subd. 2 (2014), the Board must revoke Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota. The Department of Revenue has informed the Board that, for purposes of Minn. Stat. § 270C.72

(2014), the Department of Revenue deems the term “revoke” to mean that the taxpayer's license will be suspended until the tax obligation has been satisfied and the tax clearance certificate has been issued.

5. The authority to sign orders suspending licenses pursuant to Department of Revenue tax delinquency notices has been delegated to the Executive Director of the Board.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Minnesota shall be **SUSPENDED** pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 270C.72, subd. 1 (2014), **effective October 2, 2015**. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine, as defined by Minn. Stat. § 147.081 (2014), in the State of Minnesota.

2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within ten days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall provide the Board with a list of all hospitals and skilled nursing facilities at which Respondent currently has medical privileges, a list of all states in which Respondent is licensed or has applied for licensure, and the addresses and telephone numbers of Respondent's residences and all work sites. Within seven (7) days of any change, Respondent shall provide the Board with new address and telephone number information. The information shall be sent to Ruth M. Martinez, Minnesota Board of Medical Practice, University Park Plaza, 2829 University Avenue S.E., Suite 500, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55414-3246.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent's license shall be reinstated by the Board after Respondent has submitted to the Board a tax clearance certificate from the Minnesota Department of Revenue indicating that Respondent does not owe the State of

Minnesota any uncontested delinquent taxes, penalties, or interest and has filed all required returns.

Dated:

Oct. 2, 2015

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
MEDICAL PRACTICE

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ruth Martinez", is written over a horizontal line.

RUTH M. MARTINEZ
Executive Director

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

**Re: In the Matter of the Medical License of Joesph Berdecia-Rodriguez, M.D.
License Number: 54,017**

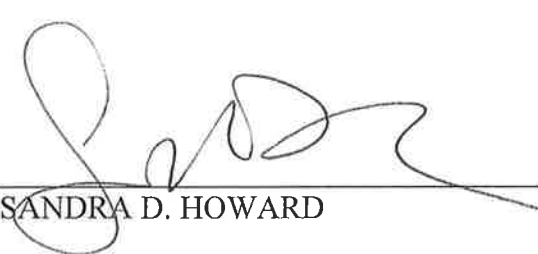
STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF RAMSEY)

SANDRA D. HOWARD, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

That at the City of St. Paul, County of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, on October 2, 2015, she caused to be served the attached **ORDER OF SUSPENSION**, by depositing the same in the United States mail at said city and state, a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with prepaid first class postage, and addressed to:

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Joseph Berdecia-Rodriguez, M.D.
Marias Healthcare
670 Park Avenue
Shelby, MT 59474


SANDRA D. HOWARD

Subscribed and sworn to before me on
October 2, 2015.


NOTARY PUBLIC

