

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**  
**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE**  
**OF**  
**SETH LEIGH YOSER, M.D.**  
**ORDER GRANTING REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE**

**THIS MATTER** came on regularly for hearing on July 25, 2019, before the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, in response to the petition of Seth Leigh Yoser, M.D. (hereinafter "Licensee"), seeking reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the State of Mississippi.

Licensee was present without counsel. Complaint Counsel for the Board was Honorable Stan T. Ingram. Sitting as legal advisor to the Board was Honorable Raina Anderson, Special Assistant Attorney General. Board members present for all proceedings were Jeanne Ann Rea, M.D., President, William D. McClendon, Jr., M.D., Vice President, Michelle Y. Owens, M.D., Secretary, Charles D. Miles, M.D., Charles "Ken" Lippincott, M.D., Kirk L. Kinard, D.O., Daniel Paul Edney, M.D. and Thomas Edwards Joiner, M.D. Consumer members present were Wesley Breland and Maj. General (Ret.) Erik Hearon.

Evidence and testimony was then presented. Based thereon, the Board finds Licensee's request for reinstatement of his medical license to be well taken. The Board finds as follows:

1. On July 15, 2009, the U.S. Government filed what is known as a Bill of Information, hereinafter referred to as the "Information", but more commonly known as an Indictment, against Licensee setting forth certain allegations related to fraud in the practice of medicine. Pursuant to

the Information, Licensee entered into a Plea Agreement, pleading guilty to all thirty-five (35) counts of the Information and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a term of 42 months. Subsequent to his imprisonment, Licensee was subject to supervised release for a term of 2 years. Licensee was also assessed a monetary assessment of \$3,500, a total fine of \$10,000, and total restitution of \$400,000.

2. On August 20, 2009, the Board issued a Summons with supporting Affidavit charging Licensee, who was then a licensee of the Board, with violation of Mississippi statute based on the aforementioned criminal conviction. In lieu of a formal hearing, Licensee chose to execute an Agreed Order of Surrender of Medical License, which was executed on November 16, 2009.

3. Evidence introduced during the hearing reveals that Licensee has served his prison sentence, is no longer under supervised probation and has paid all assessments including the \$400,000 restitution. Further, Licensee has petitioned and now holds an unrestricted license to practice medicine in his home state of Tennessee.

4. When surrendering his license pursuant to the Agreed Order of Surrender of November 16, 2009, the Board reserved the right to utilize all evidence, including all facts developed during the original investigation, as a basis to deny reinstatement. After considering all evidence, however, the Board believes denial of reinstatement based on Counts I and II of the Order to Show Cause, is not in the best interest of the public. Licensee is a well-trained ophthalmologist, capable of providing medical services to his community, has served his sentence and has expressed clear insight and remorse for his past misconduct. Reinstatement of licensure is appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**, that Licensee's request for reinstatement of his license to practice medicine in the state of Mississippi is hereby granted.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-27(1972), a copy of this Order shall be sent by registered mail or personally served on Seth Leigh Yoser, M.D.

**ORDERED**, this the 25th day of July, 2019.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE**

BY:   
**JEANNE ANN REA, M.D., PRESIDENT**