

BEFORE THE
DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

ALIREZA PANAHPOUR, D.D.S.
a.k.a. ALIREZA PANAPOUR, INC.
a.k.a. ALEXANDER PANA, D.D.S.
a.k.a. DR. ALEX PANA, D.D.S.
a.k.a. DR. PANA and
a.k.a. ECLECTIC HEALTH

Respondent.

Case No. DBC 2004-72


OAH No. L-2005040427

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Dental Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on March 22, 2007.

It is so ORDERED February 22, 2007.



FOR THE DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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**STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

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18 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the
19 above-entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

20 PARTIES

21 1. Richard L. Wallinder (Complainant) is the interim executive officer of the
22 Dental Board of California. He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is
23 represented in this matter by Bill Lockyer, Attorney General of the State of California, by
24 Michel W. Valentine, Deputy Attorney General.

25 2. Respondent Alireza Panahpour, D.D.S, aka Alireza Panapour, Inc.
26 aka Alexander Pana, D.D.S., aka Dr. Alex Pana, D.D.S., aka Dr. Pana and aka Eclectic Health,
27 hereinafter (Respondent) who are represented in this proceeding by attorney James D. Savage,
28 Esq., whose address is One World Trade Center, 27th Floor, Long Beach, CA 90831-2700.

1 **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

2 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Alireza Panahpour, D.D.S. a.k.a.
3 Alexander Pana, D.D.S. that Dental License No. 41661 is hereby revoked. The revocation will
4 be stayed and the Respondent placed on two (2) years probation on the following terms and
5 conditions.

6 1. **Obey All Laws.** Respondent shall comply with all conditions of
7 probation and obey federal, state and local laws and all rules and regulations governing the
8 practice of dentistry in California, and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal
9 probation, payments and other requirements.

10 2. **Quarterly Declarations.** Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations
11 under penalty of perjury on the Board's Quarterly Report of Compliance forms provided by the
12 Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

13 3. **Probation Surveillance.** Respondent shall comply with the Board's
14 probation surveillance program.

15 4. **Interviews.** Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with a
16 Board representative upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

17 5. **Change of Address.** Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within
18 15 days of any change of place of practice or place of residence. Respondent shall at all times
19 keep the Board informed of his address of business and residence which shall both serve as
20 addresses of record. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of
21 record.

22 Respondent shall also immediately inform the Board, in writing, of any travel to
23 any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than
24 thirty (30) days.

25 6. **Cost Recovery.** Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse the Board the
26 amount of \$10,000.00 within 1 year from the effective date of this decision for its investigative
27 and prosecutorial costs up to the date of the hearing. Failure to reimburse the Board's cost of its
28 investigation and prosecution shall constitute a violation of the probationary order, unless the

1 Board or its Executive Officer agrees in writing to payment by an installment plan because of
2 financial hardship. However, full payment must be received no later than one year prior to the
3 scheduled termination of probation.

4 **7. License Surrender.** Following the effective date of this decision, if
5 Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy
6 the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may voluntarily surrender his license to the
7 Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate the Respondent's request and to exercise its
8 discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and
9 reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license,
10 Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.

11 **8. Absence from State/Practice.** In the event Respondent should leave
12 California to reside or practice outside the State, Respondent must provide written notification to
13 the Board of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residence or practice outside of
14 California will not apply to the reduction of the probationary period. In the event Respondent
15 ceases to actively practice dentistry in California, Respondent must provide written notification
16 of that fact to the Board. The period when the Respondent is not practicing will not apply to the
17 reduction of the probationary period. Absence from the state or absence from practice shall not
18 relieve the Respondent from fulfilling the conditions of probation requiring reimbursement of
19 costs or restitution to patients or on behalf of patients.

20 **9. Continuance of Probationary Term/Completion of Probation.** If
21 Respondent violates the terms of this probation in any respect, the Board, after giving
22 Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the
23 revocation or suspension of the Respondent's license. If, during the period of probation, an
24 accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or
25 the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation and/or a petition to
26 revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be
27 extended and shall not expire until the accusation and/or the petition to revoke probation has
28 been acted upon by the Board. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license
will be fully restored.

1 10. **Remedial Education.** Within *90 days* of the effective date of this
2 decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board for its prior approval, an appropriate program of
3 remedial education related to oral diagnosis, and treatment planning in an educational facility or
4 program which must also to be approved by the Board. The exact number of hours and specific
5 content of the program shall be determined by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall
6 successfully complete the remedial education program within the first year of probation and may
7 be required to pass an examination administered by the Board or its designee related to the
8 program's content. Respondent shall pay all costs of the remedial education program. The
9 period of probation will be extended, if necessary, until such remedial education is completed.
10 Continuing education courses used for the renewal of licensure will not be used for remedial
11 education.

12 11. **Outside Monitor of Billing Practice.** Within 60 days of the effective
13 date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board, for its prior approval, the name and
14 qualifications of one or more billing practice monitor.

15 Each proposed monitor shall be a California licensed dentist who shall submit
16 written reports to the Board on a quarterly basis verifying that monitor has taken place as
17 required and include an evaluation of Respondent's performance. It shall be Respondent's
18 responsibility to assure that the required reports are filed in a timely manner.

19 The monitor(s) shall be independent, with no prior business or professional
20 relationship with Respondent and the monitor(s) shall not be in a familial relationship with or be
21 an employee, partner or associate of Respondent. All costs of the monitoring shall be borne by
22 the Respondent.

23 12. **Restitution.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision,
24 Respondent shall make restitution to Aetna Insurance in the amount of \$704.30 and to Larinda
25 Hill in the amount of \$503.53. Proof of payment shall be provided to the Dental Board within
26 ten (10) days after expiration of the thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Board's decision

27 13. **Community Service Condition of Probation.** Within 60 days of the
28 effective date of this decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board, for its prior approval, a
community service program for the first year of probation in which Respondent shall provide

1 volunteer services on a regular basis to a non-profit community or charitable facility or agency
2 for at least thirty (30) hours. Such community service shall be non-dental related


3 14. **Ethics.** Within 30 days of the effective date of this decision, Respondent
4 shall submit for prior Board approval a course in ethics which will be completed within the first
5 year of probation. Units obtained for an approved course in ethics shall not be used for
6 continuing education units required for renewal of licensure.

7 15. Respondent agrees not to hold himself out as Dr. Alexander Pana or Dr.
8 Alex Pana unless he legally changes his name to Alexander Pana or Alex Pana and subsequently
9 properly notifies the Board of the legal name change.

10 ACCEPTANCE

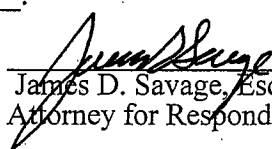
11 I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and
12 have fully discussed it with my attorney, James D. Savage, Esq. I understand the stipulation and
13 the effect it will have on my Dental License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and
14 Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the
15 Decision and Order of the Dental Board of California.

16 DATED: 12/19/06

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24 Respondent

25 I have read and fully discussed with Respondent the terms and conditions and
26 other matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its
27 form and content.

28 DATED: 12-15-06


James D. Savage, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent

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ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Dental Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

DATED: 12/19/06

BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General
of the State of California



MICHEL W. VALENTINE
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Exhibit A

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