

Because respondent has offered no defense or mitigation regarding the sanction preliminarily entered, the Board has determined to finalize the Provisional Order entered on October 15, 2008, as written. The Board, therefore, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a dentist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant to this order. Respondent's license is currently in active status.

2. On March 2, 2002, respondent pled guilty to and was convicted of a felony in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, specifically, Grand Larceny in the third degree, related to submission of claims to Medicaid for services not rendered thereby causing the State of New York to pay him more than \$3,000 to which he was not entitled. Respondent was sentenced on March 27, 2002, to five years probation and payment of restitution in the amount of \$139,036.

3. On February 23, 2004, the licensing authority in the State of New York entered an order accepting the consent order in which respondent agreed to suspension of his license to practice dentistry in that state for a period of three (3) years to be followed by a two (2) year probationary period, as well as a \$5,000 civil penalty. Respondent's application for a consent order was predicated on one specification of professional misconduct. The specification cited to respondent's conviction as set forth in Paragraph 2 above.

4. Respondent's license to practice in the State of New York was reinstated on or about March 2, 2007.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

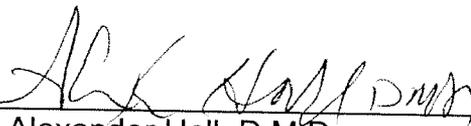
The conviction and disciplinary action by the State of New York cited above provide grounds for disciplinary action in this State pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) as respondent has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude and/or which relates adversely to an activity regulated by the Board, and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), as New York State has suspended respondent's license to practice dentistry in that State for reasons consistent with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ON THIS 20th DAY OF MAY, 2009,

ORDERED that:

1. The license of Alexander Karapetian, D.D.S., to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey is suspended for a period of three (3) years effective upon entry of the Final Order of Discipline in this matter, which suspension shall be stayed and served as a period of probation.
2. Respondent shall be subject to random audits, at his sole expense, during the period of probation. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Board or its representatives in connection with such audits.
3. If during the period of probation, respondent is found to have violated any act or regulation administered by the Board, in addition to any penalty imposed by the Board for that violation, any period remaining of the stayed suspension shall become active.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By 
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Board President