

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

KS State Board of Healing Arts

In the Matter of

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**Docket No. 25-HA00008**

**Obaid Shafiq, M.D.  
Application for Licensure**

**ORDER GRANTING EXEMPT LICENSE**

NOW on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024, comes on for conference hearing before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts (Board) the application for renewal of an exempt license. Disciplinary Panel No. 39 appears by and through Matthew Gaus, Deputy Litigation Counsel. The Licensee, Obaid Shafiq, appears in person and by and through counsel, Anne M. Kindling.

The General Counsel announced the following recusals before the beginning of the hearing: Mark Balderston, D.C.; Richard Bradbury, D.P.M; Tom Estep, M.D; David Jordan; and Ronald M. Varner, D.O.

Sherri Wattenbarger, J.D. served as chair pro tem in light of Dr. Bradbury's recusal.

The facts before the Board are undisputed. The Board hears the evidence and arguments of the parties and upon due consideration of the record before it FINDS the following:

1. Licensee submitted his application to renew his exempt license on June 27, 2024.

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2. The Board first granted an Exempt license to Licensee on May 1, 2018.

3. Licensee is a resident of Illinois, residing at **CONFIDENTIAL**

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4. Licensee pled guilty to one count of Forgery and was convicted of a Class A Misdemeanor under a plea agreement in Lake County Indiana on April 9, 2024. Exhibit 4, Order.

5. Licensee reported the conviction to the Board in his renewal application, answering “yes” to the attestation question, “2. In the past 12 months have you been arrested, charged with or convicted of any misdemeanor, felony or the military equivalent?” Exhibit 1, Application, p. 003.

6. This matter was thereupon set for hearing.

7. Due and proper notice was given and both parties were present and participated in the proceedings.

8. Licensee credibly showed remorse and regret for his actions resulting in the Indiana conviction.

9. Licensee did not profit personally for his participation in the crime and identified his involvement as a matter of getting “in over his head” in a failed attempt to provide hospice services to the community.

10. Licensee seldom conducts utilization reviews in Kansas for insurers but confines his activities in Kansas to utilization reviews.

11. Licensure in Kansas is a requirement of his contract with the insurer.

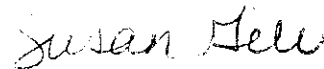
12. Licensee is not subject to the presumptive revocation of his license under K.S.A. 65-2836(c) for those who are convicted of a felony.

13. K.A.R. 100-10a-4(a)(1) allows exempt license holders to conduct utilization reviews under an exempt license.

Upon full consideration of the matter before it, the Board FURTHER FINDS Licensee is fully rehabilitated and GRANTS the application for renewal of his Exempt License.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS**



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Susan Gile  
Executive Director

## **FINAL ORDER NOTICE OF RIGHTS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* Requesting reconsideration of a Final Order is not a prerequisite to judicial review and will not toll the time to file in district court. A petition for judicial review is not timely unless filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Susan Gile, Executive Director, Kansas Board of Healing Arts, 800 SW Jackson, Lower Level-Suite A, Topeka, KS 66612.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing **Order Granting Exempt License** was served this 28th day of October 2024 by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, and via email, addressed to:

Obaid Shafiq, M.D.

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and the original filed with the office of the Executive Director.

  
Staff Signature

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