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8 **BEFORE THE**
9 **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS**
10 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
11 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. AC 2026-2082

13 **YVOUNE KARA PETRIE**
26433 Pineknoll Avenue
Harbor City, CA 90710

ACCUSATION

14 **Chiropractic License No. DC 28717**

15 Respondent.

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17 **PARTIES**

18 1. Kristin Walker (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as
19 the Executive Officer of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, Department of Consumer Affairs.

20 2. On or about March 17, 2003, the Board issued Chiropractic License Number DC
21 28717 to Yvouné Kara Petrie (Respondent). The Chiropractic License expired on September 30,
22 2025, and has not been renewed.

23 **JURISDICTION**

24 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following
25 sections of the Chiropractic Act (Act).¹,

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27 ¹ The Chiropractic Act, an initiative measure approved by the electors on November 7,
28 1922, while not included in the Business and Professions Code by the legislature, is set out in
West's Annotated California Codes as sections 1000-1 to 1000-19, and is included in Deering's
California Codes as Appendix I, for convenient reference.

4. Section 10² of the Act states, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license to practice chiropractic or may place the license on probation for violations of the rules and regulations adopted by the Board or for any cause specified in the Chiropractic Initiative Act.

5. Business and Professions Code section 1005 states:

The provisions of Section 12.5, 23.9, 29.5, 30, 31, 35, 104, 114, 115, 119, 121, 1215, 125, 125.6, 136, 137, 140, 141, 143, 163.5, 461, 462, 475, 480, 484, 487, 489, 490, 490.5, 491, 494, 495, 496, 498, 499, 510, 511, 512, 701, 702, 703, 704, 410, 716, 730.5, 731, and 851, are all applicable to persons licensed by the State Board of the Chiropractic Examiners under the Chiropractic Act.

6. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 372 states:

The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by the board, or its suspension, or forfeiture by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

7. Section 490 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the grounds that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.

8. Section 810 of the Code states, in pertinent part:

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(b) It shall constitute cause for revocation or suspension of a license or certificate for a health care professional to engage in any conduct prohibited under Section 1871.4 of the Insurance Code or Section 549 or 550 of the Penal Code.

(c) (1) It shall constitute cause for automatic suspension of a license or certificate issued pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 1600), Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 2000), Chapter 6.6 (commencing with Section 2900), Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 3000), or Chapter 9 (commencing with Section

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4000), or pursuant to the Chiropractic Act or the Osteopathic Act, if a licensee or certificate holder has been convicted of any felony involving fraud committed by the licensee or certificate holder in conjunction with providing benefits covered by worker's compensation insurance, or has been convicted of any felony involving Medi-Cal fraud committed by the licensee or certificate holder in conjunction with the Medi-Cal program, including the Denti-Cal element of the Medi-Cal program, pursuant to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 14000), or Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 14200), of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. The board shall convene a disciplinary hearing to determine whether or not the license or certificate shall be suspended, revoked, or some other disposition shall be considered, including, but not limited to, revocation with the opportunity to petition for reinstatement, suspension, or other limitations on the license or certificate as the board deems appropriate.

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(4) Nothing in this subdivision shall preclude a board from suspending or revoking a license or certificate pursuant to any other provision of law.

(5) "Board," as used in this subdivision, means the Dental Board of California, the Medical Board of California, the California Board of Podiatric Medicine, the Board of Psychology, the State Board of Optometry, the California State Board of Pharmacy, the Osteopathic Medical Board of California, and the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

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(d) As used in this section, health care professional means any person licensed or certified pursuant to this division, or licensed pursuant to the Osteopathic Initiative Act, or the Chiropractic Initiative Act.

9. Business and Professions Code section 1003, subdivision (b) states:

A licensee of the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners shall have his or her license to practice revoked for a period of 10 years upon a second conviction for violating any of the following provisions or upon being convicted of more than one count of violating any of the following provisions in a single case: Section 650 of this code, Section 750 or 1871.4 of the Insurance Code, or Section 549 or 550 of the Penal Code. After the expiration of this 10-year period, an application for license reinstatement may be made pursuant to subdivision (c) of Section 10 of the Chiropractic Act.

10. Section 550 of the Penal Code states in part:

(a) It is unlawful to do any of the following, or to aid, abet, solicit, or conspire with any person to do any of the following:

(1) Knowingly present or cause to be presented any false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or injury, including payment of a loss or injury under a contract of insurance.

(2) Knowingly present multiple claims for the same loss or injury, including presentation of multiple claims to more than one insurer, with an intent to defraud.

(3) Knowingly cause or participate in a vehicular collision, or any other

vehicular accident, for the purpose of presenting any false or fraudulent claim.

(4) Knowingly present a false or fraudulent claim for the payments of a loss for theft, destruction, damage, or conversion of a motor vehicle, a motor vehicle part, or contents of a motor vehicle.

(5) Knowingly prepare, make, or subscribe any writing, with the intent to present or use it, or to allow it to be presented, in support of any false or fraudulent claim.

(6) Knowingly make or cause to be made any false or fraudulent claim for payment of a health care benefit.

(7) Knowingly submit a claim for a health care benefit that was not used by, or on behalf of, the claimant.

(8) Knowingly present multiple claims for payment of the same health care benefit with an intent to defraud.

(9) Knowingly present for payment any undercharges for health care benefits on behalf of a specific claimant unless any known overcharges for health care benefits for that claimant are presented for reconciliation at that same time.

(10) For purposes of paragraphs (6) to (9), inclusive, a claim or a claim for payment of a health care benefit also means a claim or claim for payment submitted by or on the behalf of a provider of any workers' compensation health benefits under the Labor Code.

(b) It is unlawful to do, or to knowingly assist or conspire with any person to do, any of the following:

(1) Present or cause to be presented any written or oral statement as part of, or in support of or opposition to, a claim for payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy, knowing that the statement contains any false or misleading information concerning any material fact.

(2) Prepare or make any written or oral statement that is intended to be presented to any insurer or any insurance claimant in connection with, or in support of or opposition to, any claim or payment or other benefit pursuant to an insurance policy, knowing that the statement contains any false or misleading information concerning any material fact.

(3) Conceal, or knowingly fail to disclose the occurrence of, an event that affects any person's initial or continued right or entitlement to any insurance benefit or payment, or the amount of any benefit or payment to which the person is entitled.

(4) Prepare or make any written or oral statement, intended to be presented to any insurer or producer for the purpose of obtaining a motor vehicle insurance policy, that the person to be the insured resides or is domiciled in this state when, in fact, that person resides or is domiciled in a state other than this state.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, states, in pertinent part:

The board shall take action against any holder of a license who is guilty of

unprofessional conduct which has been brought to its attention, or whose license has been procured by fraud or misrepresentation or issued by mistake.

Unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

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(g) Conviction of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a chiropractor;

(h) Conviction of any offense, whether felony or misdemeanor, involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence or corruption. The board may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if such conviction was of an offense involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, physical violence or corruption. A plea or verdict of guilty, or a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of the board's disciplinary provisions, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code. The board may order a license to be suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license upon the entering of a conviction or judgement in a criminal matter.

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(k) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of the individual's activities as a license holder, or otherwise;

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(q) The participation in any act of fraud or misrepresentation. . . .

COST RECOVERY

12. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317.5, subdivision (a) states, in pertinent part:

In any order in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the Board of Chiropractic Examiners, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the Chiropractic Initiative Act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(October 7, 2025 Criminal Conviction - Health Care Fraud from January 2016 through September 2022)

13. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 10 of the Act, Business and Professions Code section 490, and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (g), in that on or about October 7, 2025, in a criminal proceeding titled: *The United States of America v. Yvonne Kara Petrie*, in United States District Court for the

1 Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, Case No. 1:25-CR-172, Respondent pled guilty
2 and was convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. section 1347 (healthcare fraud), a felony. Respondent
3 was sentenced to prison for a term of twelve (12) months and one (1) day. Further, Respondent
4 was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,900,000.00.

5 14. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that from approximately January
6 2016 until September 2022, Respondent executed a scheme to defraud a health care benefit
7 program, namely CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) by submitting and causing the
8 submission of claims for hyperbaric oxygen therapy that were not rendered as billed, not
9 prescribed by a provider, and not medically necessary. The scheme involved the misuse of
10 physician National Provider Identifiers without authorization and resulted in an intended and
11 actual loss of at least \$1,900,000.00 to CareFirst.

12 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

13 **(Conviction of a Crime Involving Moral Turpitude)**

14 15. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 10 of the Act
15 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (h), on the grounds of
16 unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude,
17 dishonesty and/or corruption. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the
18 allegations set forth above in paragraphs 13 through 14, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

19 **THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

20 **(Commission of Any Act Involving Dishonesty, Fraud, or Corruption)**

21 16. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 10 of the Act
22 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (k), on the grounds of
23 unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed acts of moral turpitude, dishonesty or
24 corruption. Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth
25 above in paragraph 13 through 14, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

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1 **FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Participation in Fraud or Misrepresentation)**

3 17. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 10 of the Act
4 and California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 317, subdivision (q), on the grounds of
5 unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent participated in acts of fraud and/or misrepresentation.
6 Complainant refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in
7 paragraph 13 through 14, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

8 **FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

9 **(Health Care Professional Prohibited Acts)**

10 18. Respondent's license is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to section 10 of the Act
11 and Business and Professions Code section 810, subdivision (b), in that Respondent engaged in
12 conduct prohibited under Penal Code section 550 as a health care professional. Complainant
13 refers to and by this reference incorporates the allegations set forth above in paragraph 13 through
14 14, inclusive, as though set forth fully.

15 **PRAYER**

16 WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
17 and that following the hearing, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners issue a decision:

18 1. Revoking or suspending Chiropractic License Number DC 28717, issued to Yvonne
19 Kara Petrie;

20 2. Ordering Yvonne Kara Petrie to pay the Board of Chiropractic Examiners the
21 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Title 16, California
22 Code of Regulations, section 317.5 and if placed on probation, the costs of probation monitoring;
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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 5.12.2026

Signature on File
KRISTIN WALKER
Executive Officer
Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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