FILED 1 KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California 2 JANE ZACK SIMON AUG 2 3 2016 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 KEITH C. SHAW Deputy Attorney General 4 State Bar No. 227029 **ACUPUNCTURE BOARD** 455 Golden Gate Avenue, Suite 11000 5 San Francisco, CA 94102-7004 Telephone: (415) 703-5385 6 Facsimile: (415) 703-5480 E-Mail: Keith.Shaw@doj.ca.gov 7 Attorneys for Complainant 8 BEFORE THE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD 9 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 1A-2015-132 12 ACCUSATION JIAN WEI SHOU 13 2117 Main Street Santa Clara, CA 95050 14 Acupuncture License No. AC 15022 15 Respondent. 16 17 18 Complainant alleges: 19 **PARTIES** 20 1. Benjamin Bodea (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity 21 as the Acting Executive Officer of the Acupuncture Board. 22 2. On or about September 24, 2012, the Board issued Acupuncture License Number AC 23 15022 to Jian Wei Shou (Respondent). The Acupuncture License was in full force and effect at 24 all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2017, unless 25 renewed. 26 111 2.7 111 28 ///

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(JIAN WEI SHOU) ACCUSATION

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JURISDICTION

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Acupuncture Board (Board) under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
 - 4. Section 4928.1 of the Code states:

"Protection of the public shall be the highest priority for the Acupuncture Board in exercising its licensing, regulatory, and disciplinary functions. Whenever the protection of the public is inconsistent with other interests sought to be promoted, the protection of the public shall be paramount."

5. Section 4955 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, or revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon, the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of unprofessional conduct.

"Unprofessional conduct shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- "(b) Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist, the record of conviction being conclusive evidence thereof.
- "(d) Aiding or abetting in, or violating or conspiring in, directly or indirectly, the violation of the terms of this chapter or any regulation adopted by the board pursuant to this chapter.
- 6. Section 4955.1 of the Code states:

"The board may deny, suspend, revoke, or impose probationary conditions upon the license of any acupuncturist if he or she is guilty of committing a fraudulent act including, but not be limited to, any of the following:

- "(b) Committing a fraudulent or dishonest act as an acupuncturist.
- "(c) Committing any act involving dishonesty or corruption with respect to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist.
- "(d) Altering or modifying the medical record of any person, with fraudulent intent, or creating any false medical record.

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7. Section 4956 of the Code states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of an acupuncturist is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this chapter.

"The board may order a license suspended or revoked, or may deny a license, or may impose probationary conditions upon a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the person to withdraw his or her pleas of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment."

COST RECOVERY

- 8. Section 4959 of the Code states:
- "(a) The board may request the administrative law judge, under his or her proposed decision in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before the board, to direct any licensee found guilty of unprofessional conduct to pay to the board a sum not to exceed actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of the case.
- "(b) The costs to be assessed shall be fixed by the administrative law judge and shall not in any event be increased by the board. When the board does not adopt a proposed decision and remands the case to an administrative law judge, the administrative law judge shall not increase the amount of any costs assessed in the proposed decision.
- "(c) When the payment directed in the board's order for payment of costs is not made by the licensee, the board may enforce the order for payment in the superior court in the county where the administrative hearing was held. This right of enforcement shall be in addition to any other rights the board may have as to any licensee directed to pay costs.

"(d) In any judicial action for the recovery of costs, proof of the board's decision shall be conclusive proof of the validity of the order of payment and the terms for payment.

"(e) All costs recovered under this section shall be considered a reimbursement for costs incurred and shall be deposited in the Acupuncture Fund."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of a Crime)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under Code section 4955, section 4955(b) (Substantially Related Conviction), section 4955(d) (Violation of Board Rules/Regulations) and section 4956 (Criminal Conviction) based on the following circumstances:
- 10. On or about February 17, 2015, the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office was notified by Anthem Blue Cross of possible law violations by Teacher Chen Healthcare involving fraudulent insurance claims.
- 11. Teacher Chen Healthcare is a business operated by Respondent and his mother, Jufang Chen (Lucy), that provides massage and acupuncture treatments.
- 12. Beginning in 2010, Respondent contracted with several technology companies in Santa Clara County to provide massage and acupuncture treatments at on-site athletic facilities.
- 13. During the course of the investigation of the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office, it was discovered that from approximately August 31, 2010 to May 29, 2015, Respondent and Ms. Chen sent numerous fraudulent health insurance bills to Anthem Blue Cross for treatments that were not rendered.
- 14. The investigation revealed that clients of Teacher Chen Healthcare were provided massage treatments, however, Respondent billed Anthem Blue Cross for acupuncture treatments that were never provided.
- 15. Clients who received massages from Teacher Chen Healthcare were instructed by Respondent and Ms. Chen that if contacted by their insurance company, they should say they had received a one-hour acupuncture treatment, as massages are not covered by insurance.

- 16. One individual who received a massage treatments during this time, S.C., reported being asked by Teacher Chen Healthcare to sign insurance paperwork indicating they had received acupuncture treatment on two different dates when in fact they had received a massage on only one date.
- 17. Teacher Chen Healthcare submitted bills to Anthem Blue Cross for \$490,187.15 from approximately August 31, 2010 to May 29, 2015 for payment of acupuncture treatments they had provided. Anthem Blue Cross in turn paid Respondent \$260,294.41 for these claims.
- 18. It was determined through the investigation that approximately 41% of the bills Anthem Blue Cross received from Teacher Chen Healthcare were falsified to reflect that acupuncture treatments were provided when in fact massage treatments were rendered.
- 19. The total amount of loss to Anthem Blue Cross was estimated to be \$106,978.21 as a result of the fraudulent claims submitted by Respondent over this period.
- 20. Respondent was charged in the Santa Clara County Superior Court, Case Number C1511489, with two felony counts of Penal Code section 550(a)(6), Making a False or Fraudulent Claim for the Payment of a Health Care Benefit. Each felony count included an enhancement pursuant to Penal Code section 12022.6(a)(1) that the loss exceeded \$65,000.
- 21. On or about April 13, 2006, Respondent was convicted of Penal Code section 550(a)(6), a felony, and admitted the enhancement pursuant to Penal Code section 12022.6(a)(1).
- 22. Respondent was sentenced as follows: Three (3) Years Supervised Probation; 120 Days in Jail; 100 Hours of Community Service; Restitution to be Paid to Anthem Blue Cross in the Amount of \$80,080.24; Standard Terms and Conditions of Felony Probation.

SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Unprofessional Conduct: Fraudulent, Dishonest and Corrupt Acts)

- 23. The allegations of Paragraphs 9 through 22, above, are incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
- 24. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unprofessional conduct under Code section 4955.1(b) (Fraudulent or Dishonest Act), section 4955.1(c) (Corrupt Act) and section 4955.1(d) (Creating any False Medical Record) in that Respondent fraudulently billed Anthem

1	Blue Cross for services that were never rendered.
2	PRAYER
3	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,
4	and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:
5	1. Revoking or suspending Acupuncture License Number AC 15022, issued to Jian Wei
6	Shou;
7	2. Ordering Jian Wei Shou to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and
8	enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 4959;
9	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.
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