

College of Health and Care Professionals of British Columbia
Public Notice under s. 39.3 of the Health Professions Act

Sohrab Mohammadi, Former Registrant

Penalty Decision - Opticianry

Date of Decision: July 9, 2025

Penalty Decision: On August 13, 2024, a Discipline Committee Panel (the “Panel”) of the legacy College of Opticians of British Columbia (“COBC”) continuing as the College of Health and Care Professionals of BC (“CHCPBC” or the “College”) since June 28, 2024, issued a hearing decision finding that Sohrab Mohammadi committed unprofessional conduct by: (a) failing to meet record keeping bylaws and standards for consistency and integrity of client records; and (b) applying unethical billing practices, fabricating and altering client records, making false statements to the insurer regarding client invoicing during an audit and to COBC investigators during their investigation and advising COBC representatives that they had not billed the insurer inappropriately.

On February 4, 2025, the Panel reconvened to hear submissions regarding penalty and costs under ss. 39(2) and (5) of the *Health Professions Act* (the “HPA”). Sohrab Mohammadi did not make any submissions or attend the penalty hearing.

Based on the serious and prolonged pattern of Sohrab Mohammadi’s misconduct, which reflected a marked departure from the conduct expected of members of COBC, the lack of evidence that Sohrab Mohammadi engaged in remedial action, his failure to acknowledge his misconduct, and the importance of specific and general deterrence, the Panel determined that a significant penalty was required to uphold public confidence in the integrity of the profession. Although the Panel found that Sohrab Mohammadi had acted dishonestly and failed to cooperate with COBC, it declined to make a finding of ungovernability. In the result, the Panel ordered that:

- (a) Sohrab Mohammadi be reprimanded under s. 39(2)(a) of the HPA;
- (b) Sohrab Mohammadi be ineligible to apply for reinstatement of registration under s. 39(2)(c) of the HPA until such time as the following conditions are met:



- a. a period of 15 months has elapsed from the date of the Panel's order; and
- b. Sohrab Mohammadi has successfully completed, at their cost, the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians "PROBE: Ethics and Boundaries" course, demonstrated by an unconditional pass, and provided proof of completion to the Registrar.

The Panel also ordered hearing costs in the amount of \$75,000 to be paid on or before July 9, 2027.

To request a copy of the written reasons, please contact Cameron Cowper, Chief Regulatory Officer & Deputy Registrar at cameron.cowper@chcpbc.org.