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# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:  ROBERT G. TRAHMS; M.D.  Physician & Surgeon Cert. No. C-24815  Respondent	) No. D1-90-5992 ) ) ) )
<u>D</u>	<u>ECISION</u>
The attached Stipulated Settlement a	nd Disciplinary Order in case number D1-90-5992 is
hereby adopted by the Division of Medical Q	uality of the Medical Board of California as its
decision in the above entitled matter.	
This Decision shall become effective	onJuly_29, 1998
It is so Ordered July 22, 1	998
•	DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation ) Case No. D1-90-5992
13	Against: )
14	ROBERT G. TRAHMS, M.D.  599 Sir Francis Drake Boulevard ) STIPULATED SETTLEMENT
15	Greenbrae, California 94904-1732 ) <b>AND</b> ) <b>DISCIPLINARY ORDER</b>
16	Physician's and Surgeon's ) Certificate No. C24815 )
17	Respondent. )
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the
20	parties to the above-entitled proceedings, that the following
21	matters are true:
22	1. Complainant, Ron Joseph, is the Executive Director
23	of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer
24	Affairs ("Board") and is represented by Daniel E. Lungren,
25	Attorney General of the State of California by Isa R. Rodriguez,
26	Deputy Attorney General.
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2. Robert G. Trahms, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") is represented in this matter by attorney Stuart Hanlon, of Tamburello, Hanlon & Waggner, whose address is 214 Duboce Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94103-1099. Respondent has counseled with his attorney concerning the effect of this stipulation which Respondent has carefully read and fully understands.

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- 3. Respondent has received and read the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and the First Supplemental Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation which are presently on file and pending in Case Number D1-90-5992 before the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter the "Division"), copies of which are attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.
- 4. Respondent understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and the First Supplemental Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and that, if proven at hearing, such charges and allegations would constitute cause for imposing discipline upon Respondent's license issued by the Board and for revoking the probation previously imposed by the Board.
- 5. Respondent and his counsel are aware of each of Respondent's rights, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and present evidence on his own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to contest the charges and

allegations, and other rights which are accorded Respondent pursuant to the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws, including the right to seek reconsideration, review by the superior court, and appellate review.

- 7. For the purpose of resolving Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-90-5992 and First Supplemental Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-90-5992 without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation and in the First Supplemental Accuation and Petition to Revoke Probation. Respondent admits to the criminal conviction and to underlying facts on which that conviction is based. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges and agrees to surrender his certificate for the Division's formal acceptance.
- 8. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he is enabling the Division of Medical Quality to issue its order accepting the surrender of his license without further process. Respondent understands and agrees that Board staff and counsel for complainant may communicate directly with the Division regarding this stipulation, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. In the event that this stipulation is rejected for any reason by the Division, it will be of no force or effect for either party. The Division

will not be disqualified from further action in this matter by virtue of its consideration of this stipulation.

- 9. Upon acceptance of the stipulation by the Division, Respondent understands that he will no longer be permitted to practice as a physician and surgeon in California, and also agrees to surrender and cause to be delivered to the Division both his license and wallet certificate before the effective date of the decision.
- 10. Respondent fully understands and agrees that if he ever files an application for relicensure or reinstatement in the State of California, the Division shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement, the Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-90-5992 and First Supplemental Accusation and Petition to Revoke Probation No. D1-90-5992 will be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by respondent when the Division determines whether to grant or deny the petition.

#### ACCEPTANCE

I, Robert G. Trahms, have carefully read the above stipulation and enter into it freely and voluntarily with the advice of counsel, and with full knowledge of its force and effect, do hereby surrender my Certificate No. C24815, to the Division of Medical Quality, Medical Board of California for its formal acceptance. By signing this stipulation to surrender my license, I recognize that upon its formal acceptance by the

1	Division, I will lose all rights and privileges to practice as a
2	physician and surgeon in the State of California and I also will
3	cause to be delivered to the Division both my license and wallet
4	certificate before the effective date of the decision.
5	DATED: <u>5-28-98</u> .
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7	Robert G. Trahms
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10	I concur in the stipulation.
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12	DATED: 6/1/9/
13	TAMBURELLO, MANLON & WAGGNER
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EXHIBIT A

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On September 23, 1976, an accusation was filed against respondent. On April 26, 1979, a decision became effective revoking respondent's certificate. On April 26, 1979, a stay order was issued in superior court. On August 17, 1979, the April 26, 1979 decision became effective and the license was revoked.

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On February 19, 1985, respondent filed a petition for reinstatement of revoked certificate. On August 16, 1985 a decision became effective that granted the petition placing the respondent on five years probation. On September 25, 1989, a petition for termination of probation was filed. On January 18, 1990 a decision became effective which terminated respondent's probation.

On July 25, 1994, the Board filed an accusation against respondent's certificate. On June 13, 1996, a decision became effective which revoked respondent's certificate. The revocation was stayed and respondent was placed on five (5) years probation. On August 1, 1996, respondent's certificate to practice medicine was suspended due to his failure of the oral clinical examination given on July 12, 1996.

Unless renewed, the certificate will expire on May 31, 1998.

#### JURISDICTION

3. This accusation is brought before the Division of Medical Quality of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs (hereinafter the "Division"), under the authority of the following sections of the California Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code"):

- A. Section 2227 of the Code provides:
- "(a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
  - "(1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the division.
  - "(2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the division.
  - "(3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the division.
    - "(4) Be publicly reprimanded by the division.
  - "(5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as the Division or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
- "(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board."
  - B. Section 2234 of the Code provides:
- "The Division of Medical Quality shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional

conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- "(a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter.
  - (b) Gross negligence.
  - (c) Repeated negligent acts.
  - (d) Incompetence.
- (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
- (f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."
  - C. Section 2266 of the Code provides:

"The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct."

- D. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in part:
- "(a) Except as otherwise provided by law, in any order issued in resolution of a disciplinary proceeding before any board within the department or before the Osteopathic Medical Board, the board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the

licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

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- D. Section 118(b) of the Code provides, in part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the time within which the license may be renewed, restored, or reinstated.
- E. Section 2428 of the Code provides, in part, that a license which has expired may be renewed any time within five years after expiration.
- Section 16.01 of the 1996/1997 Budget Act of F. the Sate of California provides, in pertinent part, that: (a) no funds appropriated by this act may be expended to pay any Medi-Cal claim for any service performed by a physician while that physician's license is under suspension or revocation due to a disciplinary action of the Medical Board of California; and, (b) no funds appropriated by this act may be expended to pay any Medi-Cal claim for any surgical service or other invasive procedure performed on any Medi-Cal beneficiary by a physician if that physician has been placed on probation due to a disciplinary action of the Medical Board of California related to the performance of that specific service or procedure on any patient, except in any case where the board makes a determination during its disciplinary process that

there exist compelling circumstances that warrant continued Medi-Cal reimbursement during the probationary period.

# PATIENT G.N.

4. In or about January 1994, patient G.N. began as respondent's patient. Patient G.N. saw respondent twice a month for three months and then three times a month until June 1994. Patient G.N. saw respondent in individual therapy and group therapy. Patient, G.N. became respondent's patient because she was depressed and needed to be evaluated for SSI benefits.

#### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

- 5. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234(b) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that he was grossly negligent in the care of patient G.N. as follows:
  - a. Failed to document an initial psychiatric assessment consisting of a comprehensive history, formal mental status examination, a formulation of the case and formal diagnosis, leading to an initial treatment plan that identifies the goals of treatment and treatment modalities selected.
  - b. Failed to document subsequent visits with patient G.N. by not preparing a dated, legible and signed progress note recording patient complaints, objective findings, an assessment of the response to treatment and any revisions in diagnosis or treatment plan.

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- c. Failed to transcribe the tape recorded interviews.
- d. Failed to provide in the patient's records a clinical assessment to explain the rationale for the multiple medications prescribed.
- e. Failed to acquire a medical history at the time of initial assessment and failed to make reasonable efforts to acquire the medical records.
- f. Failed to document on the patient's medical record any medical, medication or drug allergy history, or substance abuse history, or to establish the safety of any medication prescribed for the patient.
- g. Respondent prescribed two sedative-hypnotics, Chloral Hydrate and Triazolam, concurrently, when there is no medical indication for using two sedative-hypnotics.
- h. Respondent prescribed sedative-hypnotics (Chloral Hydrate and Triazolam) to patient G.N. which can exacerbate psychiatric depression.
- i. Respondent inappropriately prescribed Thioridazine which is generally confined to psychotic disorders.
- j. Respondent inappropriately prescribed Thioridazine and Imipramine.
- k. Respondent inappropriate prescribed Metoclopramide which causes or exacerbates mental depression.
- 1. Respondent inappropriately prescribed Carbamazepine for sleep.

- m. Respondent increased the patients dose of .

  Imipramine to 200 mg. and within nine days, increased the dosage again to 250 mg.
- n. Respondent inappropriately prescribed Venlafaxine for "pep and energy" instead of discontinuing the sedatives-hypnotics and Thioridazine already prescribed to the patient and switch to a less sedating antidepressant.
- o. Failed to evaluate and monitor the patient with appropriate physical, diagnostic and laboratory examinations to establish the appropriateness and safety of treatment as follows:
  - A. Failed to acquire thyroid function tests in a 48 year old woman complainant of depression.
  - B. Failed to acquire a baseline EKG in a woman over 40 years old with hypertension and placed on a tricyclic antidepressant in progressively increasing doses to 250 mg.
  - C. Failed to utilize blood

    Imipramine/Desipramine levels to establish the appropriate dose of Imipramine.
  - D. Failed to acquire a baseline CBC prior to .
    initiating Carbamazepine, and failed to acquire subsequent CBCs to monitor for potential hematologic toxicities.
  - E. Failed to acquire Carbamazepine blood levels, particularly relevant given the coadministration of Diltiazem.

F. Failed to acquire a diastolic blood pressure at the time he initiated a prescription for Venlafaxine, a medication associated with a risk of sustained increase in supine diastolic blood pressure.

# SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

5. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234 in conjunction with section 2266 on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that he failed to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to patient G.N. as set forth in paragraphs 4(a) through 4(f).

# THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Repeated Negligent Acts)

6. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234(c) of the Business and Professions Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that while practicing as a psychiatrist in Greenbrae, California, he committed repeated negligent acts by departing from the standard of practice as set forth in paragraphs 4(a) through 4(o) above.

# FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Incompetence)

7. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under section 2234(d) of the Business and Professions Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that while practicing as a psychiatrist in Greenbrae, California, he was incompetent in his treatment of the patient G.N. in that he lacked the knowledge

and ability in the use of medications, their indications and contraindications, their effects and side effects, their risks and their interactions with each other.

# FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

8. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234(a) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct as defined in section 2241 of the Code in that he prescribed to patient G.N., an addict, Chloral Hydrate, Triazolam, Thioridazine, Imipramine, Metoclopramide, Carbamazepine, and Venlafaxine.

#### UNDERCOVER OPERATION

9. Beginning on or about January 23, 1995, the Bureau of Medi-Cal Fraud conducted an undercover operation of respondent. The undercover operator known as patient Winona Newhall was seen by respondent from January 23, 1995 to on or about April 12, 1995. Patient W.N. was seen by respondent in both individual and group sessions. Respondent prescribed Buspar, Klonopin and Venlafaxine to undercover operator patient W.N.

# SIXTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

- 10. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234(b) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that he was grossly negligent in the care of patient W.N. as follows:
  - a. Failed to determine that the patient had any psychiatric disorder prior to prescribing an anxiolytic medication, Buspar.

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- Respondent prescribed Buspar, Venlafaxine, and Klonopin, psychotropic medications, without first determining that the patient had an anxiety or depressive disorder.
- c. Failed to carefully monitor an addiction prone individual receiving Klonopin.
- Failed to establish that the patient had a psychiatric disorder requiring psychotherapy. Respondent continued to prescribe abusable medications in exchange for continuing attendance at psychotherapy sessions.
- Failed to establish the safety of a medication by not acquiring a medical history and then prescribing Venlafaxine which requires pre-and post-treatment blood pressure monitoring.

#### SEVENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234(a) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that he violated the provisions of section 2242(a) of the code by prescribing, dispensing, or furnishing dangerous drugs without a good faith prior examination and medical indication to undercover operation patient W.N.

#### SUSPENDED PRACTICE

On August 1, 1996, Investigator Gremminger from the Medical Board of California telephoned respondent to inform him that he had failed the oral clinical examination given to him on July 12, 1996. Investigator Gremminger instructed respondent

that effective August 1, 1996, respondent was to cease the practice of medicine which included not seeing patients, and no prescribing, administering or dispensing of any medications.

Respondent indicated that he understood that he was suspended from the practice of medicine.

On or about August 28, 1996, Investigator Gremminger received information from a pharmacist that respondent was calling in prescriptions for numerous patients during the month of August.

# EIGHTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

13. Respondent Trahms is subject to disciplinary action under Business and Professions Code section 2234(a) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that he violated the provisions of section 2306 of the code by engaging in the practice of medicine during the time his certificate was suspended as set forth in paragraph 12 above and as evidenced by the following prescriptions:

#### LONG'S DRUGS - GREENBRAE

19	DATE	PRES. #	DRUG	AMOUNT
20	Patient R.A.	•		
21	8/3/96	767285	Flurazepam 30 mg.	30 tabs
22	8/3/96	767286	Clonidine 100 mg.	100 tabs
23	8/3/96	767287	Carisoprodol 350 mg.	100 tabs
24	Patient C.B.			
25	8/8/96	818196	Paxil 20 mg.	65 tabs
26	8/8/96	768341	Triazolam 250 mg.	15 tabs
27	8/8/96	768342	Diazepam 5 mg.	30 tabs

1	Patient S.C.			
2	8/20/96	770 <b>74</b> 2	Alprazolam 1 mg.	100 tabs
3	LONG'S DRUGS -	MILL VALLEY		
4	DATE	PRES. #	DRUG	AMOUNT
5	Patient R.A.			
6	8/3/96	397796	Chloral Hydrate 500 mg.	240 ml.
7	8/3/96	397797	Diphenoxylate	100 tabs
8	8/3/96	397798	Diazepam 10 mg.	100 tabs
9	Patient C.D.			
10	8/2/96	397625	Erythromycin 500 mg.	30 tabs
11 .	Patient S.A.			
12	8/6/96	398151	Triazolam 250 mg.	30 tabs
13	8/6/96	398152	Temazepam 30 mg.	30 tabs
14	8/6/96	398153	Prozac 20 mg.	60 tabs
15	8/6/96	398152	Risperdal 1 mg.	60 tabs
16	LONG'S DRUGS -	SAN ANSELMO		
17	DATE	PRES. #	DRUG	AMOUNT
18	Patient C.M.			
19	8/8/96	815741	Chloral Hydrate 500 mg.	60 tabs
20	8/8/96	815740	Diazepam 10 mg.	50 tabs
21	8/8/96	815738	Doxepin 50 mg.	100 tabs
22	Patient J.C.			
23	8/3/96	814883	Diazepam 10 mg.	60 tabs
24	8/3/96	814885	Darvon-N 100	100 tabs
25	8/3/96	814884	Temazepam 30 mg.	30 tabs
26	8/10/96	816055	Darvon-N 100	100 tabs
27	8/10/96	816056	Chloral Hydrate 500 mg.	100 tabs

#### PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION

- 1. Paragraphs 1 though 13 of the above accusation are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 2. Grounds exist to revoke respondent's probation and impose the order of revocation of respondent's license in that he failed to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation in the decision rendered June 13, 1996 as follows:
  - a. He failed to obey all federal, state and local laws and all rules governing the practice of medicine in California.

# **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, the complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division issue a decision:

- Revoking the probation and reimposing the revocation of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number
   C24815, heretofore issued to respondent Robert G. Trahms, M.D.;
- 2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of the respondent's authority to supervise physician's assistants, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 3527;
- 3. Ordering respondent to pay the Division the actual and reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case and probation monitoring costs;
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Taking such other and further action as the 4. Division deems necessary and proper. DATED: \_\_\_July 1, 1997 RONAL JOSEPH Executive Director Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant 

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18	Ron Joseph, for further causes for discipline alleges:
19	1. Complainant, Ron Joseph, makes and files this
20	First Supplemental Accusation solely in his official capacity as
21	Executive Director of the Medical Board of California.
22	2. The allegations, contained in paragraph 2 through
23	13 of the Accusation heretofore filed are realleged and
24	incorporated herein by reference as if fully set forth.
25	JURISDICTION
26	3. Section 2236 provides, in pertinent part, that the
27	conviction of any offense substantially related to the

qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct.

# NINTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

- 4. On or about June 20, 1997, respondent was convicted of violating Welfare and Institutions Code section 14107 in that he presented fraudulent claims for reimbursement to Medi-Cal. Such conviction was by way of a guilty plea to a misdemeanor violation of Welfare and Institutions Code section 14107 and occurred in the Marin County Courts in a case entitled People v. Robert George Trahms, Case No. CR 088352A. As a result of this conviction, respondent was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay restitution, terminated as a Medi-Cal and Medicare provider, ordered to surrender his license, and ordered to take no actions as a health care provider
- 5. The facts underlying the above-entitled criminal conviction were that from in or about 1994 through in or about 1996, respondent submitted billings for reimbursement to Medi-Cal for individual psychotherapy sessions which, in fact, were group therapy sessions. The reimbursement by Medi-Cal is higher for individual therapy sessions than it is for group sessions. Thus, respondent had fraudulently increased his income from the Medi-Cal programs in violation of Welfare and Institutions code section 14107.
- 6. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5, above, has subjected his certificate to discipline pursuant to Code section 2236 in that he was convicted of a crime ///

substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a physician and surgeon.

# TENTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

7. Respondent's conduct as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5, above, has exposed his certificate to discipline pursuant to Code section 2234(e) in that the fraudulent Medi-Cal claims he submitted for reimbursement constituted corrupt or dishonest acts.

# FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL PETITION TO REVOKE PROBATION

- 1. Paragraphs 1 through 7 of the above First Supplemental Accusation are incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 2. Grounds exist to revoke respondent's probation and impose the order of revocation of respondent's license in that he failed to comply with the terms and conditions of his probation in the decision rendered June 13, 1996, as follows:
- a. He failed to obey all federal, state and local laws and all rules governing the practice of medicine in California.

#### PRAYER

wherefore, the complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Division issue a decision:

1. Revoking the probation and reimposing the revocation of Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate

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	2. Revoking, suspending of denying approvar of one
2	respondent's authority to supervise physician's assistants,
3	pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 3527;
4	3. Ordering respondent to pay the Division the actual
5	and reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this
6	case and probation monitoring costs;
7	4. Taking such other and further action as the
8	Division deems necessary and proper.
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