

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF IOWA

IN THE MATTER OF THE STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

ZEHRA I. ROWJEE, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-06-0305

CONSENT AGREEMENT

COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners (the Board) and on August 18, 2006, Zehra I. Rowjee, M.D. (Applicant) and enter into the following Consent Agreement. The Board shall issue the Applicant a permanent Iowa medical license under the following terms and conditions, which have been imposed with the Applicant's consent.

1. Applicant is hereby granted permanent Iowa medical license no. 36855
2. Applicant engaged in unprofessional or unethical conduct and/or practice harmful or detrimental to the public, including the following:
 - A. Applicant was charged criminally with Medicaid fraud when she billed for psychiatric services that were not provided. She was convicted at trial, but the conviction was reversed on appeal due to procedural irregularities. Later she agreed to a civil settlement and the criminal charges were expunged from her record.

B. Applicant answered “No” to question #6 on her application for an Iowa medical license, which asks, “Have you ever been charged, convicted, found guilty of or entered a plea of guilty or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor crime (other than minor traffic violations with fines under \$100)? You must answer, “yes” even if the matter was expunged from the record.”

4. **CITATION AND WARNING:** Respondent is hereby **CITED** for engaging in unprofessional or unethical conduct and/or practice harmful or detrimental to the public when she inappropriately billed for medical services that were not provided. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that engaging in such conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action including revocation of his Iowa medical license.

5. **CIVIL PENALTY:** Respondent shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of **\$5,000**. Respondent shall pay the civil penalty in full by delivery of a check or money order, payable to the Treasurer of Iowa, to the executive director of the Board, prior to the Board’s approval of this Order. The civil penalty shall be deposited into the State General Fund.

6. **ETHICS PROGRAM:** Within ninety (90) days of the Board’s approval of this Consent Agreement, Respondent shall successfully complete the Professional / Problem Based Ethics (PROBE) program sponsored by the Ethics Group, LLC, of Summit, New Jersey. Respondent shall cause a report to be sent the Board at the conclusion of the program.

7. **CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION:** Within sixty (60) days of the date of this Order, Respondent shall complete Board-approved continuing medical education for appropriate billing practices and the use of appropriate billing codes.

8. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms of this Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's Iowa medical license or to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code Chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 12.2.

9. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

10. This Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

11. By entering into this Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing, and waives any objections to the terms of this Consent Agreement.

12. This Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.

13. This Order is subject to approval of the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

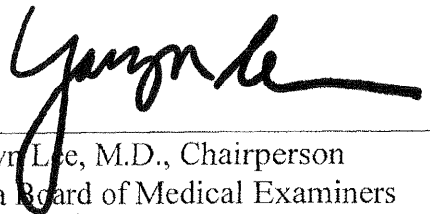
14. The Board's approval of this Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.


Zehra I. Rowjee, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on July 31, 2006.

Notary Public, State of Illinois.

This Order is approved by the Board on August 18, 2006.


Yasyn Lee, M.D., Chairperson
Iowa Board of Medical Examiners
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