

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
JAMES S. KEHLER, M.D.	*	STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN
Respondent	*	QUALITY ASSURANCE
License Number: D08616	*	Case Number: 98-0396

ORDER STAYING SUSPENSION

ORDER OF PROBATION

WHEREAS, James S. Kehler, M.D. and the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board") entered into a Consent Order¹ on April 14, 1999,

WHEREAS, the Consent Order required that the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland be suspended for six (6) months, effective May 1, 1999, with the understanding that at the end of the six (6) month suspension, the Respondent may petition the Board for a stay of suspension, provided that he has paid the fine imposed and fulfilled the required prerequisite conditions; and

WHEREAS, on October 20, 1999, the Respondent fully paid the fine, and the Board received written documentation of Respondent's compliance with the conditions precedent to staying the suspension;

It is therefore **ORDERED** that, effective on the 1st day of November, 1999, the suspension shall be **STAYED**; and

It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent shall be on probation for a period of three (3) years, from the effective date of the stay of suspension, and subject to the conditions of probation as set forth in the Consent Order, dated April 14, 1999; and

¹The Consent Order is incorporated by reference into this Order, and available upon request.

It is further **ORDERED** that in addition to the above-mentioned probationary conditions, Respondent shall remain in psychotherapy with a Board-approved psychiatrist during the probationary period, unless the psychiatrist and Respondent jointly agree that termination of therapy is appropriate; and

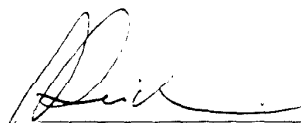
It is further **ORDERED** that all other provisions and terms and conditions of the Consent Order, dated April 14, 1999, remain in full force and effect; and

It is further **ORDERED** that three (3) years from the effective date of the stay of suspension, Respondent may petition the Board for termination of probation and full reinstatement of his license without conditions or restrictions, provided that the Respondent has satisfactorily complied with the terms of probation as ordered by the Board; and

It is further **ORDERED** that if the Respondent violates any of the terms of the Respondent's probation, the Board, after notice and a hearing, and a determination of violation, may lift the stay of suspension and may impose any other disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate, said violation of probation being proved by a preponderance of evidence;

It is further **ORDERED** that this Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to MD. CODE ANN. STATE GOV'T §10-611 et seq.

10/27/99
Date


Sidney B. Seidman, M.D.
Chair