

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE
V. K. SURESH RAJAN, M.D. * BOARD OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY
RESPONDENT * ASSURANCE
LICENSE NO. D23312 * CASE NO. 91-0128

MODIFIED CONSENT ORDER
SECOND MODIFICATION

BACKGROUND

On June 2, 1994, V. K. Suresh Rajan, M.D. ("Respondent") entered into a Modified Consent Order with the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board").¹

The Modified Consent Order served to permit the Respondent to return to a private practice limited to medication monitoring for a period of six (6) months at which time Respondent's practice would be subject to a peer review. The Order further provided that the Respondent's institutional setting be expanded from the original three (3) institutions to include several additional institutional settings.

In accordance with the Modified Consent Order, the Respondent's practice was subject to a peer review. On May 11, 1995, the Board received the report from the Maryland Psychiatric Society Peer Review Committee ("MPSPRC"). The MPSPRC concluded in its report, that the Respondent has complied with the conditions of the Order and the charts reviewed revealed no evidence of substandard care.

¹A copy of the June 2, 1994 Modified Consent Order is attached and incorporated by reference.

Furthermore, pursuant to the Modified Consent Order, on June 1, 1995, the Respondent's supervisor submitted his quarterly report to the Board reflecting the Respondent's work performance and thus, requested termination of his supervisory sessions with Respondent.

On June 21, 1995, the Respondent met with the Board's Case Resolution Conference Committee ("CRC") to discuss the findings of the Peer Review Committee and the recommendations of the Respondent's supervisor.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On May 11, 1995, the Board received a peer review report from the Maryland Psychiatric Society Peer Review Committee which contained a review of the Respondent's practice.

2. On June 1, 1995, the Board received a report from the Respondent's supervisor recommending that the Board consider terminating the supervisory relationship.

3. On June 21, 1995, the Respondent met with the Board's CRC to discuss the peer review report in conjunction with the Respondent's supervisor's report. The CRC considered this matter and recommended that the Respondent be permitted, in addition to medication monitoring, to work in a private practice and perform psychotherapy. The CRC further recommended that the Respondent would be required to engage in supervision on a monthly basis until the report of the Respondent's next peer review, which is currently scheduled for November 1995, is received and reviewed

by the Board.

4) Respondent has complied with all of the terms of the prior Order dated June 2, 1994.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing facts, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent has fulfilled the conditions precedent to requesting a modification of the prior Consent Order.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 1st day of August, 1995, by a majority of the full authorized membership of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance hereby

ORDERED that the Respondent's Consent Order dated June 2, 1994 shall be modified as follows:

1. Respondent is permitted to continue to practice medicine in a private practice limited to medication monitoring;

2. The Respondent's practice shall continue to be supervised by Bert Nayfack, M.D. If at anytime Dr. Nayfack believes that the Respondent is a danger to his patients or himself, is not competent to practice psychiatry or is in violation of this Modified Consent Order, he shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent;

a. The Respondent and his supervisor shall meet on a monthly basis. The supervisor shall submit quarterly written

reports to the Board regarding the Respondent's practice of psychiatry;

b. The supervisory sessions shall continue on a monthly basis until the results of the Respondent's next peer review have been received and reviewed by the Board, at which time the Board will make a determination whether to modify the frequency of the sessions of supervision;

3. The Respondent's private practice shall be subject to peer review by the Maryland Psychiatric Society Peer Review Committee. The Board will request that a review of the Respondent's practice be conducted on or about September 26, 1995 with a final review to occur in September 1996. In the request for the peer review, the Board will request that the remaining peer reviews be performed by physicians who have not previously reviewed the Respondent's practice. The Respondent will receive a copy of the peer review reports and must follow any recommendations made by the Maryland Psychiatric Society Peer Review Committee which are endorsed by the Board;

4. The Respondent shall conduct his medical practice in a fully competent and adequate manner and meet the appropriate standard of care for the delivery of quality medical care in the State of Maryland;

5. If the Respondent violates any of the foregoing terms and conditions of probation, the Board, after notice, a hearing, and a determination of a violation, may impose any additional


disciplinary sanctions it deems appropriate.

ORDERED that the three (3) year period of probation, ordered on November 17, 1993, hereby remains in effect; and it is further

ORDERED that all other provisions and terms and conditions of probation, contained in the Consent Order dated June 2, 1994, remain unmodified and in full force and effect; and it is further

ORDERED that this Modified Consent Order is considered a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-611 et. seq.

8/1/95
Date


Israel H. Weiner, M.D.
Chairman