IN THE MATTER OF

BEFORE THE

ELSA I. CORREA, M.D.

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIAN

Respondent

QUALITY ASSURANCE

License Number: D20136

Case Number: 94-0945

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

BACKGROUND

On June 28, 1995, the Board of Physician Quality Assurance (the "Board"), executed a Consent Order which served to suspend the Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland for a period of one (1) year. The Consent Order further provided for terms and conditions during the period of suspension, as well as a three (3) year period of probation with terms and conditions, following reinstatement of licensure.

On August 14, 1996, the Respondent appeared before the Board's Case Resolution

Conference (the "CRC") with a request for stay of suspension and reinstatement of her Maryland medical license. At that time, the CRC recommended that the Respondent's suspension be stayed, and in accordance with the Consent Order dated June 28, 1996, the Respondent be on probation for a period of three (3) years, subject to conditions and terms.

On September 25, 1996, the Board ratified the CRC's recommendation for stay of suspension and reinstatement of her Maryland medical license.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 28, 1995, the Board entered into a Consent Order with the Respondent which

¹A copy of the June 28, 1995 Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

served to suspend the Respondent's Maryland medical license for a period of one (1) year.

- During the period of suspension, the Respondent was required to comply with certain conditions precedent to eligibility for stay of suspension and reinstatement of her medical license.
- On June 26, 1996, the Respondent petitioned the Board for stay of suspension and reinstatement of medical licensure.
- 4. On August 14, 1996, the Respondent appeared before the Board's CRC and the CRC recommended a stay of suspension and reinstatement of medical licensure based on successful completion of the conditions precedent to reinstatement.
 - 6. On September 25, 1996, the Board ratified the CRC's recommendation.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board of Physician Quality Assurance concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent meets the requirements for stay of suspension and reinstatement of Respondent's Maryland medical license, subject to terms and conditions during a three (3) year period of probation.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusion of Law, it is this 25 day of _______, 1996, by an affirmative vote of the majority of the full authorized membership of those members of the Board of Physician Quality Assurance of Maryland considering this case, hereby

ORDERED that the Maryland medical license of Elsa I. Correa, M.D. is hereby **REINSTATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be on probation for a period of THREE(3)

YEARS; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the following terms and conditions of the Reinstatement within three (3) years from the effective date of this Order of Reinstatement:

- 1. The Respondent's psychiatric and medical practice shall be supervised by a psychiatric supervisor on a weekly basis for TWO (2) years.
- (a) The Respondent shall select a psychiatric supervisor from a list of psychiatrists who have been recommended by the Maryland Psychiatric Society Peer Review Committee (the "MPS PRC"), and endorsed by the Board. The psychiatric supervisor shall supervise all of the Respondent's professional work with patients, with special attention to psychiatric-patient boundary issues. The Respondent shall comply with all recommendations made by the psychiatric supervisor with respect to her practice of psychiatry and medicine. The Respondent shall arrange for and be subject to supervision by the psychiatric supervisor prior to engaging in the practice of psychiatry and medicine, and in turn following her reinstatement.
- (b) The psychiatric supervisor shall submit quarterly written reports to the Board's Compliance Division regarding the content of the psychiatric supervision including, but not limited to, the Respondent's clinical practice, boundary issues, ability to identify and address problems, ability to practice independently, cooperation with the supervisor and attendance at supervisory sessions. The Board reserves the right to require more frequent reports from the psychiatric supervisor if, in its discretion, it determines that more frequent reports are necessary.

- (c) After the TWO (2) year period of mandatory psychiatric supervision, the psychiatric supervisor shall submit to the Board's Compliance Division a written report which addresses whether any further psychiatric supervision is necessary. The Respondent agrees to comply with the recommendations of the psychiatric supervisor with regard to further psychiatric supervision.
- (d) The Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with psychiatric supervision;
- 2. The Respondent shall be subject to annual peer reviews conducted through the Peer Review Management Committee of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland and performed by the MPS PRC, following the first and second year after reinstatement of licensure. The Peer Review Committee assigned shall receive a copy of the Consent Order, the original Complaint and charging document, this Order of Reinstatement, and may receive any other materials in the Board file at the discretion of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that after completion of the probationary period imposed under this Consent Order, the Respondent may petition the Board for termination of her probationary status without any further conditions or restrictions. If the Respondent has satisfactorily complied with all conditions of probation, and there are no outstanding complaints regarding the Respondent's practice, the Respondent may petition for termination of probation without any conditions or restrictions following the THREE (3) year period of probation imposed under the Consent Order, dated June 28, 1995; and be it further

ORDERED that pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §10-226 and COMAR 10.32.02.05, the Respondent is subject to summary suspension if an investigation or peer review

indicates to the Board that there is a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to public health, safety or welfare by the Respondent; and be it 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; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs incurred under this

Order of Reinstatement; and be it further

ORDERED that this Order of Reinstatement is considered a **PUBLIC** document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §10-611 et seq.

9/25/96 Date

J Michael Compton Executive Director Maryland State Board of Physician Quality Assurance