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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OAL DOCKET NO. BDSME 05938-2006N

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

ROBERT CHALEMIAN, M.D.
LICENSE NO. MD 27637

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND
SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW
JERSEY

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information pertaining to Robert Chalemian, M.D. ("Respondent") and his chronic pain treatment of several patients. On January 22, 2003, Respondent appeared and testified under oath before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board. Respondent is a physician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

On March 29, 2006, the Attorney General filed a four-count Complaint. Three of the counts alleged that during Respondent's

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treatment of three chronic pain patients, based on his medical records, Respondent failed to provide medical care that adequately conformed to the standard of care. The Complaint alleged that Respondent failed to document adequate communication with patients' primary physicians and treating specialists; failed to order appropriate medications; and failed to adequately monitor patients' side effects and potential drug toxicity. The fourth count alleged that Respondent failed to appropriately identify both his qualifications and Board certifications on his curriculum vitae.

On April 18, 2006, Respondent, represented by counsel, filed an Answer denying the allegations of violative conduct. The matter was transmitted to the OAL as a contested case and is presently docketed before the Honorable Maria LaFiandra, ALJ.

The Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare and other good cause shown,

ON THIS 13th DAY OF December, 2006, IT IS ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is reprimanded for improper documentation in the medical record as identified in the Administrative Complaint, contrary to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) and N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5, and for inadequately considering the prior history of alcohol abuse in his treatment of patient D.C.;

2. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for a period of one (1) year, effective on filing of the within Order, with the first thirty (30) days serving as an active suspension, which shall be stayed, and the remainder served as a period of probation, pending successful fulfillment of the other terms of this Order. Respondent shall observe the Directives Applicable to a Licensee Whose License Has Been Disciplined, which are attached to this Order, to the extent such Directives are not inconsistent with the terms of this Order.

3. Respondent shall pay \$6,000 in costs within thirty (30) days of the date the Order is filed. Payment shall be submitted by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey. Payment shall be sent via regular mail to William Roeder, Executive Director, New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.

4. Respondent shall complete twenty (20) additional hours of Category I CME, approved in advance by the Board Medical Education Director, within twelve (12) months of the filing of this Order in the area of pain management.

5. Respondent shall revise his letterhead and curriculum vitae to accurately reflect his Board certifications and specializations.


6. Respondent shall meet with the Medical Director of the Board or another Board-approved delegate within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the Order to discuss proper documentation of internal medicine issues in his medical records.

7. Respondent shall provide documentary proof of compliance with the CME requirements for the 2005-2007 biennial period, plus the additional twenty (20) specific CME hours required within the probationary period, to the Medical Education Director of the Board.

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By: Sindy Paul, MD, MPH
Sindy Paul, M.D., M.P.H.
Board President

I have read and understood
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to
the Board to enter this
Order.



Robert Chalemian, M.D.

Consented to as to form.



Robert A. Blass, Esq.
Counsel for Respondent