COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

In the Matter of the Automatic Suspension of the License to Practice Medicine of Spiro Y. Kassis, M.D., License No. MD061655L

Case No.:

19-49-010803

FINAL ORDER OF AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, the records of the State Board of Medicine (hereinafter "Board") reflect that Spiro Y. Kassis, M.D. ("Respondent"), is the holder of a license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, license number MD061655L; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Board issued a Notice and Order of Automatic Suspension, which automatically suspended Respondent's license to practice as a medical physician and surgeon along with any other licenses, registrations, certificates, authorizations, permits or approvals ("authorizations to practice the profession") issued by the Board to Respondent, under the authority of sections 40(b) and 43(b) of the Medical Practice Act of 1985 ("MPA"), act of December 20, 1985, P.L. 457, No. 112, as amended 63 P.S. §§ 422.40(b) and 422.43(b); and

WHEREAS, Respondent's violation of Unlawful Distribution of a Schedule II Controlled Substance (Oxycodone), in violation of Title 21 United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) and 842(b)(1)(C) was found to be equivalent to a violation of section 35 P.S. § 780-113(a)(14) under the Pennsylvania Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act; and

Prothonotary Filed On: Jul 13 2020 10:21 AM Department of State of the offense, if committed under the laws of another jurisdiction, would be a felony in this

Commonwealth under the Drug Act, and

WHEREAS, the Board received no response or request for a hearing by Respondent on

the issue of whether Respondent was convicted of the offense as alleged or whether it would be a

felony under the Drug Act; and

NOW THEREFORE, the Board **ORDERS** that the Notice and Order of Automatic

Suspension issued on March 10, 2020, and effective on March 30, 2020, is now FINAL and

Respondent's authorizations to practice the profession shall remain suspended for at least ten (10)

years from the date of conviction, and shall remain suspended thereafter until the board is satisfied

that Respondent has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such

that his or her reinstatement should not be expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health

and safety of patients or the public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations, and until

Respondent meets all other licensing qualifications of the MPA, including the examination

requirement as provided in section 43(b) of the MPA, 63 P.S. § 422.43(b).

The Board **ORDERS** that Respondent shall immediately **CEASE** practicing as a medical

physician and surgeon. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, within ten (10) days of the date of

this Order, if Respondent has not done so already, Respondent shall return wall certificate(s),

wallet card(s), and biennial renewal certificates(s) by mailing them to:

Board Counsel

State Board of Medicine

Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs

P.O. Box 69523

Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

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Any petition for reinstatement must be accompanied by the following documentation:

- An evaluation conducted by a treatment provider approved by the Professional Health Monitoring Program indicating that Respondent is fit to safely practice the profession with reasonable skill and safety;
- (b) A current Criminal History Record Information (a/k/a "Criminal Record Check") from a governmental agency from all states where Respondent has resided since the suspension, compiled no more than three months prior to the Petition for Reinstatement; and
- (c) A signed verification that Respondent has not practiced the profession during the period of automatic suspension.

This order shall take effect immediately.

BY ORDER:

STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE

BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

COMMISSIONER

KEITH E. LOISELLE

CHAIR

Respondent: Spiro Y. Kassis, M.D.

40 West Germantown Pike Norristown, PA 19401

For the Commonwealth: Jason Anderson, Esquire

Board Counsel: Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire

July 13, 2020 Date of Mailing:

NOTICE

The attached Final Order represents the final agency decision in this matter. It may be appealed to the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania by the filing of a Petition for Review with that Court within 30 days after the entry of the order in accordance with the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure. See Chapter 15 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Appellate Procedure entitled "Judicial Review of Governmental Determinations," Pa. R.A.P 1501 – 1561. Please note: An order is entered on the date it is mailed. If you take an appeal to the Commonwealth Court, you must serve the Board with a copy of your Petition for Review. The agency contact for receiving service of such an appeal is:

Board Counsel P.O. Box 69523 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9523

The name of the individual Board Counsel is identified on the Final Order.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Dana M. Wucinski Assistant Counsel

July 13, 2020

Spiro Y. Kassis, M.D. 40 West Germantown Pike Norristown, PA 19401 *Via certified and first-class mail* Jason Anderson, Esquire Department of State P.O. Box 69521 Harrisburg, PA 17106-9521 Via interoffice mail only

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Re: In the Matter of the Automatic Suspension of the License to Practice as a Medical

Physician and Surgeon of Spiro Y. Kassis, M.D., License No. MD061655L

Case No.: 19-49-010803

Dear Dr. Kassis and Attorney Anderson:

Enclosed please find the Final Order of Automatic Suspension issued by the State Board of Medicine.

Sincerely,

Dana M. Wucinski, Counsel State Board of Medicine

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DMW/dps Enclosure

cc: Suzanne Zerbe, Board Administrator,

State Board of Medicine (via email only)