

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
RASHEED A. ABASSI, M.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent	*	OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D65329	*	Case Number: 7716-0066
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**ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION
AND IMPOSING PROBATION**

On November 19, 2014, Disciplinary Panel B the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged the Respondent, Rasheed A. Abassi, M.D., under the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101-14-702, with unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, see Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii). On March 1, 2016, following a hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings and an Exceptions Hearing, Disciplinary Panel A ("Panel A") issued a Final Decision and Order¹ suspending Dr. Abassi's license to practice medicine in the State of Maryland for one (1) year, commencing ten (10) business days from the Order's execution date. While suspended, Dr. Abassi was required to comply with certain terms and conditions. Dr. Abassi was required to enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP") within ten (10) business days of the Order. Dr. Abassi was also required to successfully complete a Board disciplinary panel-approved course in medical ethics within one (1) year of the Order. Under the Final Decision and Order, upon termination of the suspension, Dr. Abassi would be placed on probation for a minimum of three (3) years, subject to terms and conditions.

Dr. Abassi has complied with the conditions of suspension and one (1) year has passed, thus, it is hereby:

¹ A copy of the Final Decision and Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

ORDERED that the suspension of Dr. Abassi's license to practice medicine in Maryland is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Abassi is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **THREE (3) YEARS**². During the probationary period, Dr. Abassi shall fully and satisfactorily comply with the following terms and conditions of probation:

1. Dr. Abassi shall continue participation in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP"). Dr. Abassi shall continue his Participant Rehabilitation Agreement and Participant Rehabilitation Plan with MPRP and update the agreement and plan as requested by MPRP. Dr. Abassi shall also fully and timely cooperate and comply with all of MPRP's referrals, rules, and requirements, including but not limited to, the terms and conditions of the Participant Rehabilitation Agreement(s) and Participant Rehabilitation Plan(s) entered into with MPRP, and shall fully participate and comply with all therapy, treatment, evaluations, and toxicology screening as directed by MPRP;

2. Dr. Abassi shall sign and update the written release/consent forms requested or required by the Board and MPRP. Dr. Abassi shall sign the release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to make verbal and written disclosures to the Board, including disclosure of any and all MPRP records and files possessed by MPRP. Dr. Abassi shall also sign any written release/consent forms to authorize MPRP to exchange information regarding Dr. Abassi with agents of MPRP (evaluators and treatment providers referred to by MPRP for Dr. Abassi);

² If Dr. Abassi fails to renew his license while he is on probation, the probationary period and any conditions of probation will be tolled.

3. Prior to the completion of probation³, Dr. Abassi shall pay a civil fine in the amount of \$30,000 by money order or bank certified check made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297; and

4. Dr. Abassi shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 14-101-14-702, and all laws and regulations governing the practice of medicine in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED after three years of probation, Dr. Abassi may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of the petition, the probation may be terminated through an order of the Board or Panel A. Dr. Abassi may be required to appear before the Board or Panel A to discuss his petition for termination of probation. The Board or Panel A will grant the petition to terminate probation if Dr. Abassi has complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions and there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Board or Panel A determines, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact or a show cause hearing before the Board or Panel A if there is no genuine dispute as to a material fact, that Dr. Abassi has failed to comply with any term or condition of the probation, or of this order, the Board or Panel A may reprimand Dr. Abassi, place Dr. Abassi on further probation with appropriate terms and conditions, impose a civil monetary fine upon Dr. Abassi, or suspend or revoke Dr. Abassi's license to practice medicine in Maryland; and it is further

³ Dr. Abassi may pay the fine in total or pay a portion of the fine during the probationary period. In either event, the fine must be paid in full before the termination of probation.

ORDERED that Dr. Abassi is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that, unless stated otherwise in this Order, any time period prescribed in this order begins when this Order Terminating Suspension and Imposing Probation goes into effect. This Order goes into effect upon the signature of the Board's Executive Director who signs on behalf of Panel A; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

03/15/2017
Date

Christine A. Farrelly
Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians