IN THE MATTER OF

\* BEFORE THE

MEHRDAD AALAI, M.D.

\* MARYLAND STATE BOARD

Respondent

\* OF PHYSICIANS

License No. D26712

\* Case No. 2008-0347

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## ORDER STAYING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On July 27, 2010, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged Respondent Mehrdad Aalai, M.D. with unprofessional or immoral conduct in the practice of medicine, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3); abandonment of a patient, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(6); failure to meet appropriate standards for the delivery of quality medical care, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22); and with failing to keep adequate medical records, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(40).

On December 28, 2011, the Board issued a Final Decision and Order concerning the charges. The Board concluded that the Respondent violated the following provisions of the Maryland Medical Practice Act:

Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii): Is guilty of . . . Unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine;

Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(22): Fails to meet appropriate standards as determined by appropriate peer review for the delivery of quality medical care and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in this State; and

Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(40)): Fails to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review.

The Board ordered that Dr. Aalai's license was suspended for six months, however, the final three months of the suspension would be stayed, upon which time Dr. Aalai would be placed on

probation for a minimum of two years under certain terms and conditions. Because three months have passed since the Board issued its Final Decision and Order, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the suspension of Respondent's license to practice medicine in Maryland, issued on December 28, 2011, is **STAYED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is placed on **PROBATION** for **TWO YEARS**, subject to the following terms and conditions, which are terms and conditions of probation and also of the stay of suspension:

- 1. Dr. Aalai shall complete courses in the proper handling of obstetrical emergencies and medical record documentation. These courses must be approved in advance in writing by the Board and will not be counted toward the normal Continuing Medical Educational credits of all physicians as a condition of continued licensure;
- 2. During the period of probation, the Board, or its agents, may conduct a peer review and/or chart review of Dr. Aalai's medical practice;
- 3. Dr. Aalai shall comply with the Maryland Medical Practice Act and all laws, statutes, and regulations pertaining to the practice of medicine in Maryland;
- 4. Dr. Aalai is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any term or condition of this Order or of probation, the Board, after notice and an opportunity to be heard, may impose an additional sanction, including a reprimand, an additional period of probation or additional conditions of probation, or an additional period of suspension or the revocation of his license to practice medicine in Maryland. Additionally, the Board may lift the stay of suspension if, after

notice and a show cause hearing before the Board, the Board determines that the Respondent has violated a term or condition of this order; and it is further

ORDERED that after two years from the commencement of probation, the Respondent may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. The Board will terminate the probation if the Respondent has fully and satisfactorily complied with the conditions of probation and the order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this order is a public document.

Date

John T. Papavasilien, Deputy Director Maryland State Board of Physicians