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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

RODGER A. FRASER, M.D.
License No. MA40509

Administrative Action

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

FINAL ORDER
OF DISCIPLINE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Rodger A. Fraser, M.D., is the holder of License No, MA40509 and was licensed to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey from 1982 until 1999 after which time Respondent permitted that license to lapse. As a consequence of Respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in 1999, Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey was automatically suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.1,

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which allows for reinstatement upon payment of a late registration fee.

2. On or about February 8, 2002, the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Virginia Board") issued an Order of Summary Suspension suspending Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on a determination that Respondent's continued practice constituted a substantial danger to the public health and safety.

3. On or about June 12, 2002, Respondent was convicted in Henrico County Circuit Court in Virginia of four (4) counts of practicing medicine without a license, all felonies.

4. On or about August 30, 2002, the Virginia Board issued a Consent Order accepting the sur-render for permanent revocation of Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery. Pursuant to the Consent Order the Virginia Board found that Respondent violated the following Sections of the Code of Virginia: 54.1-111.A(1) (practicing the profession without holding a valid license as required by statute or regulation); 54.1-2902 (unlawful practice without a license); 54.1-2910.1 (not making available certain data required); 54.1-2915.A(1) (false statements or representations or fraud or deceit in obtaining admission to the practice, or fraud or deceit in the practice of the healing arts); 54.1-2915.A(3) (unprofessional conduct); 54.1-2915.A(4) (intentional or negligent conduct in the practice of the healing arts that causes

or is likely to cause injury to a patient); 54.1-2914A(1) (unprofessional conduct for procuring or performing or aiding or abetting in procuring or performing a criminal abortion); 54.1-2914A(5) (knowingly and willfully committing any act which is a felony under the laws of the Commonwealth or the United States, or any act which is a misdemeanor under such laws and involves moral turpitude); 54.1-2914A(7) (conducting his practice in a manner contrary to the standards of ethics); 54.1-2914A(8) (conducting his practice in such a manner as to be a danger to the health and welfare of his patients or to the public); 54.1-2914A(11) (performing any act likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public); 54.1-2914A(13) (violating or cooperating with others in violating any of the provisions of this chapter or regulations of the Board); and 54:1-2916.A(1) (having been convicted of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude). The Board found that Respondent performed twenty-three (23) abortions and treated twenty-four (24) patients on February 9, 2002, after his license had been summarily suspended by the Board.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The above disciplinary action taken by the Commonwealth of Virginia provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) in that the Respondent has engaged in professional misconduct, N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) in that Respondent

has been convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g) in that Respondent's license has been revoked in another state.

2. Respondent's failure to renew his license to practice medicine in New Jersey provides an additional ground for automatic suspension pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-7.1(b).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline suspending Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey was entered on January 15, 2004, and a copy was forwarded to Respondent's last known address by means of both regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact: or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Although the record reflects that the Provisional Order was served upon Respondent, no response has been received to date. Accordingly the Board considered the matter, determined that

further proceedings were not necessary and the Provisional Order should be made final.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 20th day of Sept, 2004,
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey be and is hereby revoked.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY

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Bernard Robins, M.D., F.A.C.P.
Board President

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSE
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 10, 2000

All **licensees** who are the **subject** of a **disciplinary order** of the **Board** are required to **provide** the information required on the **Addendum** to these **Directives**. The information **provided** will be maintained separately and will **not** be part of the public document filed with the **Board**. **Failure** to provide the information required may result in further disciplinary action for failing to cooperate with the **Board**, as required by **N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1 et seq.** Paragraphs 1 through 4 below shall apply when a license is suspended or revoked or permanently surrendered, with or without prejudice. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains a probation or monitoring requirement.

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly forward to **the Board office** at Post Office Box 183, 140 East Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183, the original license, current biennial registration and, if applicable, the original CDS registration. In addition, if the licensee holds a **Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA)** registration, he or she shall promptly **advise** the **DEA** of the licensure action. (With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board. In addition, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee should contact the **DEA** to advise of the resumption of practice and to ascertain the impact of that change upon his/her **DEA** registration.)

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in this **State**. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional **Services**, but also from **providing** an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. (Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise **patients** or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully **disclose** his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care **services**. The disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office **premises** and/or equipment. In no case may the **disciplined** licensee authorize, allow or **condone** the use of his/her **provider** number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care **provider**. (In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of **salaries** for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.)

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted. Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) must be filed. If no other licensee is providing services at the location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer, if possible, destroyed or safeguarded. (In situations where a license has been suspended for less than one year, prescription pads and medications need not be destroyed but must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.)

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the entry of the Order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Secretary of State, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of

general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any Order imposing a probation or monitoring requirement or a stay of an active suspension, in whole or in part, which is conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring requirement, the licensee shall fully cooperate with the Board and its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of the professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with the Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual/facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by a rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and providing the designated sample.

NOTICE OF REPORT ' ' PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.73, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.

Rodger A. Fraser, M.D.
License No. MA40509

ADDENDUM

Any licensee who is the subject of an order of the Board suspending, revoking or otherwise conditioning *the* license, shall provide the following information at the time that the order is signed, if it is entered by consent, or immediately after service of a fully executed order entered after a hearing. The information required here is necessary for the Board to fulfill its reporting obligations:

Social Security Number: _____

List the Name and Address of any and all Health Care Facilities with which you are affiliated:

List the Names and Address of any and all Health Maintenance Organizations with which you are affiliated:

Provide the names and addresses of every person with whom you are associated in your professional practice: (You may attach a blank sheet of stationery bearing this information).

¹ Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A Section 61.7 and 45 CFR Subtitle A Section 60.8, the Board is required to obtain your Social Security Number and/or federal taxpayer identification number in order to discharge its responsibility to report adverse actions to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the HIP Qata Bank.