IN THE MATTER OF

* BEFORE THE

Sriram H. Balasubramanian, M.D.

MARYLAND STATE BOARD

Respondent

OF PHYSICIANS

License Number: D52279

Case Number: 7716-0013 B

ORDER

On September 4, 2015, Disciplinary Panel B of the Maryland Board of Physicians and Sriram H. Balasubramanian, M.D. entered into a Consent Order. Under the Consent Order, Dr. Balasubramanian was reprimanded and placed on probation for a minimum of eighteen months with certain terms and conditions, including the permanent prohibitions from prescribing opioids and benzodiazepines for chronic pain management and from supervising any physician assistant or acting as a collaborating physician for any nurse practitioner in the treatment of chronic pain management. The Consent Order provided that, after a minimum period of two years, Dr. Balasubramanian could petition Panel B to remove the permanent conditions.

On January 18, 2018, Panel B terminated the probation imposed under the September 4, 2015 Consent Order. On February 28, 2018, Dr. Balasubramanian appeared before Panel B and petitioned the panel to lift the permanent conditions on his license. After careful consideration of Dr. Balasubramanian's petition and arguments of the parties, Panel B has decided to terminate the permanent conditions imposed in the September 4, 2015 Consent Order.

A copy of the September 4, 2015, Consent Order is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

² A copy of the January 18, 2018, Order Terminating Probation is incorporated by reference and available upon request.

It is, thus, hereby

ORDERED that the condition prohibiting Dr. Balasubramanian from prescribing opioids and/or benzodiazepines for chronic pain management is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the condition prohibiting Dr. Balasubramanian from being the supervising physician for any physician assistant or collaborating physician for any nurse practitioner for patients in which the treatment plan involves the prescribing of opioids and/or benzodiazepines for chronic pain management is **TERMINATED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the reprimand remains in effect; and it is further **ORDERED** that this is a public document.

03/09/2018 Date

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