IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE BOARD
JAMES H. FRENCH, JR., M.D.	*	OF PHYSICIAN QUALITY
RESPONDENT	*	ASSURANCE OF MARYLAND
LICENSE NUMBER D26643	*	CASE NUMBER 97-0863

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CONSENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 10th day of JULY, 1997, between James H. French, Jr., M.D. and the Board of Physician Quality Assurance of Maryland (the "Board").

WHEREAS, the Board received information that Dr. French practiced medicine in the State of Maryland after his medical license lapsed on September 30, 1996; and

WHEREAS, on April 9, 1997, the Board received a request for reinstatement of medical licensure from Dr. French; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 1997, Dr. French's license to practice medicine in Maryland was reinstated; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is a prima facie case to charge Dr. French with practicing medicine without a license, in violation of the Medical Practice Act, Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-601.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board finds, and Dr. French agrees as follows:

1. Dr. French's medical license lapsed on September 30, 1996, and he continued to practice without a medical license issued by the Board in violation of Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-601; and

2. Dr. French has agreed to pay a fine in the amount of $1,000.00 to the Board within fourteen (14) days after the execution of this Agreement, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. Health Occ. §14-607.(a)(4); and

3. This Agreement is a public document pursuant to Md. Code Ann. State Government §10-611, et seq.

4. This agreement will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards as an administrative action by the Board but not reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

7/10/97
Date

James H. French, Jr., M.D.

7.16.97
Date

Suresh C. Gupta, M.D., Chairman
Board of Physician Quality Assurance

CONSENT

By this Consent, I hereby accept the conditions and agree to be bound by the foregoing Consent Agreement and its conditions and restrictions.

1. By this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement as a resolution of this matter. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law. I submit to the foregoing Consent Agreement as a resolution of case number 97-0863.

2. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Agreement as if it were made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantial procedural protections provided by law.

3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to initiate case number 97-0863, and to enter and enforce this Consent Agreement.

4. I acknowledge that, by entering in this Consent Agreement, I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed an evidentiary hearing.

5. I sign this Consent Agreement freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Agreement.

7/10/97
Date

James H. French, Jr., M.D.

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF Anne Arundel

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11th day of July, 1997, before me, a Notary Public for the said State and City/County, personally appeared James H. French, Jr., M.D. and made oath in due form of law that the execution of the foregoing CONSENT AGREEMENT was his voluntary act and deed.

As witness my hand and notary seal.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires on 8/11/99