IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
KWASI A. DEBRA, M.D.	*	MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent	*	OF PHYSICIANS
License Number: D40683	*	Case Number: 2007-0639

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ORDER TERMINATING SUSPENSION AND IMPOSING PROBATION

On January 26, 2012, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") charged Kwasi A. Debra, M.D. with unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(3)(ii); willfully making or filing a false report or record in the practice of medicine, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(11); and failing to keep adequate medical records, Health Occ. § 14-404(a)(40). On April 25, 2012, Dr. Debra and the Board entered into a Consent Order. Under the Consent Order, the Board concluded Dr. Debra violated sections 14-404(a)(3)(ii), (11), and (40) of the Health Occupations Article, and as a sanction suspended Dr. Debra's license to practice medicine in Maryland for 30 days. Under the Consent Order, upon the expiration of the 30 day suspension, Dr. Debra would be placed on probation for three years with the conditions that Dr. Debra pay a fine of $25,000, complete a one-to-one tutorial in medical ethics, and that he would be subject to a chart and/or peer review. Based upon the completion of the 30 day suspension, it is hereby

ORDERED that the 30 day suspension of Dr. Debra's license to practice medicine in Maryland, effective April 25, 2012, is **TERMINATED;** and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Debra is placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **THREE YEARS** and until the following terms and conditions of probation are fully and satisfactorily complied with:

1. Within 25 months of April 25, 2012, the date of the Consent Order, Dr. Debra shall pay a civil fine to "The Maryland Board of Physicians," P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297, by certified check or money order, in the amount of $25,000.

2. Within six months of the date of this order, Dr. Debra shall successfully complete a Board-approved, one-to-one tutorial in medical ethics. Dr. Debra shall enroll in this required tutorial within 60 days of April 25, 2012, the date of the Consent Order. Dr. Debra shall submit written documentation to the Board regarding the particular tutorial he proposes to fulfill this condition. The Board reserves the right to require Dr. Debra to provide further information regarding the tutorial he proposes, and further reserves the right to reject his proposed tutorial and require submission of an alternative proposal. The Board will approve the tutorial only if it deems the curriculum and duration of the tutorial adequate to satisfy its concerns. Dr. Debra shall be responsible for submitting written documentation to the Board of his successful completion of this tutorial. Dr. Debra understands and agrees that he may not use this tutorial to fulfill any Continuing Medical Education licensure renewal requirements. Dr. Debra shall be solely responsible for furnishing the Board with adequate written verification that he has completed the tutorial according to the terms set forth herein.

3. Dr. Debra's medical practice is subject to a chart and/or peer review to be conducted by the Board or an agent or designee of the Board.

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

ORDERED after three years from the date of this Order, Dr. Debra may file a written petition to the Board requesting termination of probation. After consideration of his petition, the

probation may be terminated through an order of the Board or designated Board committee. Dr. Debra may be required to appear before the Board or designated Board committee. The Board, or designated Board committee, will grant the termination if Dr. Debra has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the terms and conditions of probation, and if there are no pending complaints related to the charges; and it is further

ORDERED that if Dr. Debra violates any of the terms or conditions of probation, the Board, after notice and an opportunity for a hearing before an administrative law judge at the Office of Administrative Hearings, if there is a genuine dispute as to the underlying material facts, or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose any other disciplinary sanctions the Board may have imposed in this case, including a reprimand, probation, or the suspension or revocation of his license to practice medicine, and/or a monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that Dr. Debra is responsible for any costs incurred in complying with this order; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a public document.

5-24-12
Date

Carole J. Catalfo, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians