IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE

ROBERT CHOU, M.D. \* MARYLAND STATE BOARD

Respondent \* OF PHYSICIANS

License No. D67040 \* Case Nos. 2013-0131, 2013-0184

## **ORDER**

On March 1, 2013, the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") and Robert Chou, M.D. entered into a Consent Order in which Dr. Chou's medical license was suspended for one year and that he would enroll in the Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program ("MPRP"). On March 31, 2014, upon the completion of the one year suspension, Board Disciplinary Panel B terminated the suspension and placed Dr. Chou on probation for five years. The panel also ordered that Dr. Chou remain in the MPRP and that he not prescribe, dispense, or administer any controlled dangerous substances ("CDS"). The order, however, allowed Dr. Chou, after one year of probation, to request that the CDS ban be lifted with any supervisory conditions the panel deemed appropriate.

On April 27, 2015, Dr. Chou petitioned Panel B to lift the CDS prescribing, administering, and dispensing prohibition. Based upon Dr. Chou's compliance with the probationary conditions, Panel B has decided to terminate the condition in the March 31, 2014, order, which prohibited him from prescribing, administering, or dispensing CDS. The panel will also require Dr. Chou to ensure that his workplace vocational monitor's quarterly reports to MPRP address whether Dr. Chou's CDS practices are appropriate. Thus, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that, so long as Dr. Chou possesses the required permits and registrations, he may prescribe, administer, and dispense CDS to patients; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Dr. Chou shall ensure that the quarterly vocational monitoring reports sent to MPRP address whether his CDS practices are appropriate; and it is further

ORDERED that all the other terms and conditions in Panel B's March 31, 2014, order remain in effect; and it is further

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

5/29/2015 Date

Maryland State Board of Physicians