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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF JOSEPH HASSMAN, D.O. LICENSE NO. 21112 TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information, indicating that respondent had improperly prescribed controlled substances to patient S.M., and had submitted a bill to Richard Console, Esq. with respect to patients M.H. and H.A. which overstated the number of patient visits in connection with personal injury matters. Specifically it had been alleged that respondent had forwarded a bill for more than $370.00 in excess of the amount charged to patient M.H., and $400.00 in excess of the amount charged to patient H.A.

The above conduct subjects respondent to discipline by the Board of Medical Examiners for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-13 and 45:1-21(h) insofar as such conduct constitutes indiscriminate prescribing; N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) insofar as such conduct constitutes misrepresentation, and for violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) insofar as such conduct constitutes professional misconduct.

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It appearing that the parties have agreed to a resolution of this matter without the necessity of the filing of an administrative complaint alleging the above facts, or of other formal proceedings, and it appearing that respondent, without making any admissions, has read and agreed to abide by the terms of this Order, and it further appearing that this Order is adequately protective of the public interest, and good cause therefore existing for the entry of this Order,

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 18th **DAY OF** April, **1995,**

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent cease and desist from improper billing to patients and health care insurers.

2. Respondent shall be and hereby is reprimanded for engaging in improper billing activities.

3. Within 6 months of the filing date of this Order, respondent shall take a course in the proper prescribing of Controlled Dangerous Substances, approved in advance by the Board.

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By: _____
Fred M. Jacobs, M.D., J.D., President

I have read the within Order and I understand its terms. I consent to its entry by the State Board of Medical Examiners and agree to be bound by those terms.

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Joseph Hassman, D.O., Respondent

The above Order is approved as to form and entry

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Robert Kurzweil, Esq.
Attorney for Respondent