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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 :
LIBICO . MARIO DIBLASIO, M.D. : ORDER OF LICENSURE REINSTATEMENT
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This matter was reopened before the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon the Board's receipt of a petition for licensure reinstatement from respondent Libico Mario DiBlasio, M.D. Dr. DiBlasio's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey was revoked by Order of the Board entered on October 27, 1989. The revocation was based upon respondent's criminal conviction in the State of New Jersey on one count of possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, and upon the revocation of Dr. DiBlasio's license in the State of New York (which revocation, in turn, was based upon Dr. DiBlasio's conviction in the State of New York of crimes involving the sale and possession of cocaine).

Dr. DiBlasio appeared before a Committee of the Board on April 24, 1996, accompanied by Dr. David Canavan of the Physicians' Health Program ("PHP"), and then testified in support of his petition for reinstatement. Review of available evidence reveals that Dr. DiBlasio was imprisoned for a period of approximately five years in a New York State prison. He was released from prison in August 1991 when his initial criminal convictions in the State of New York were overturned on appeal (Dr. DiBlasio did not appeal his conviction in the State of New Jersey). Dr. DiBlasio was thereafter retried in New York, convicted only of the possession of three grams of cocaine for personal use in New York, and sentenced to time served.

Dr. DiBlasio testified that he has been drug free since August, 1985. He testified at length about the rehabilitation efforts he has made since he stopped abusing cocaine, which include having obtained a Masters Degree in counseling while in prison, and then being employed for four years as a drug abuse counselor at Montiefore Medical Center. Dr. DiBlasio's testimony is corroborated by information provided to the Board by the Committee for Physicians' Health of the State of New York, which information confirms that Dr. DiBlasio has been on random urine monitoring since April 15, 1992, and that all samples obtained have been negative for the presence of mood-altering chemicals.

Dr. DiBlasio's license to practice medicine in New York was restored in March 1995 subject to two years probation. Since that time, Dr. DiBlasio has been working as a staff radiologist at Brookdale Hospital. Dr. DiBlasio provided the Board with a letter from Dr. I. Akiva Wulkan, M.D., Director of the Department of Radiology at Brookdale Medical Center, wherein Dr. Wulkan stated that Dr. DiBlasio's performance at Brookdale had been "without reproach".

The PHP submitted a position statement to the Board advocating the restoration of Dr. DiBlasio's license, and Dr. Canavan testified in support of Dr. DiBlasio's petition for reinstatement. The PHP additionally offered to monitor Dr. DiBlasio should he resume practice in New Jersey.

The Board is satisfied that Dr. DiBlasio has demonstrated sufficient rehabilitation to warrant an opportunity for licensure reinstatement in New Jersey. The Board orders that, should Dr. DiBlasio resume practice in the State of New Jersey, he be monitored by the PHP. Given Dr. DiBlasio's twelve year history of abstinence from illegal drug use, the Board will not set specific conditions for said monitoring; the monitoring shall instead be for such time, and on such conditions, as deemed appropriate by the PHP.

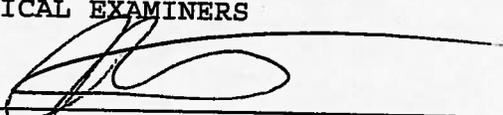
WHEREFORE, it is on this 5th day of *December* 1996

ORDERED:

The license of Libico Mario DiBlasio to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby reinstated, subject to the condition that Dr. DiBlasio be monitored by the PHP.

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By:


Robert L. Johnson, M.D., F.A.A.P.
Board President