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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: :
: Administrative Action
SALADIN ABDU-NAFI, M.D. :
: CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY: :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was originally opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners based upon respondent's abuse of cocaine. He received inpatient treatment for such addiction from May 15 to August 18, 1989, relapsed shortly thereafter, and reentered inpatient treatment in October 1989 for approximately four weeks. He subsequently relapsed again in April 1990 and again entered an inpatient treatment program for cocaine addiction. A Consent Order was filed on August 9, 1990, and respondent voluntarily surrendered his license and agreed to have the Physician's Health Program (PHP) report any subsequent relapse. Following demonstration of substantial rehabilitation, his license was reinstated with restrictions in July 1994. In September 1994, the Board received information from the Physician's Health program that Dr. Abdu-Nafi had once again relapsed into the abuse of

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cocaine. His license was then suspended pursuant to a provision of the July 1994 Consent Order, and on October 28, 1994, by Consent Order, he voluntarily surrendered his license.

Respondent petitioned the Board for the restoration of his license, and by Consent Order of Limited Reinstatement filed on September 14, 1998, he was allowed to work under supervision but could not have CDS prescribing privileges. He appeared again before the Preliminary Evaluation Committee of the Board on June 16, 1999, seeking restoration of his CDS privileges. He was accompanied by Dr. Louis Baxter of the PHP. Respondent testified that he works in correctional health facilities in Hudson County, but cannot work in the jail without CDS privileges.

It appearing that respondent has admitted to the facts outlined above and that respondent has been involved in rehabilitation efforts and has been drug and alcohol free for more than four years, and considering the position statement of the Physician's Health program and respondent's testimony before the Committee of the Board that he is employed by the Hudson County Adult Correctional Facility but cannot work in the jail itself because he does not have CDS privileges, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 3rd day of September, 1999.

ORDERED:

1. Respondent shall continue to practice under a limited license as previously entered, with the exceptions as noted below pertaining to C.D.S. privileges.

2. Respondent may hold C.D.S. privileges.

3. Respondent may prescribe C.D.S. only in connection with his duties at the Hudson County Adult Correctional facility.

3. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of Automatic Suspension of License without notice, upon the Board's receipt of any information which the Board in its sole discretion deems reliable that respondent has failed to comply with any of the conditions of this Order, or any report of a confirmed positive urine, or a prima facie showing of a relapse or recurrence of alcohol or drug abuse.

4. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on two (2) days notice but in such event any proofs shall be limited to a showing that the urine tested was not his or was a false positive in the case of urine testing, or that other information submitted was false.

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BY: 
Gregory J. Rokosz, D.O.
President

I have read and understood
the within Order
and agree to be bound by the
terms therein. Consent is
hereby given to the Board
for its entry.


Saladin Abdu-Nafi, M.D.


Louis E. Baxter, M.D.