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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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

IN THE MATTER OF :
: Administrative Action
FAROUK AL-SHALIHI, M.D. :
License No. MA 022618 :
: **ORDER GRANTING**
: **UNRESTRICTED LICENSURE**
LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE :
AND SURGERY IN THE STATE OF :
NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was first opened to the State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") upon receipt of information that Farouk Al-Salihi, M.D. (the "respondent") pled guilty to fourth-degree falsification of records in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:21-4.

Respondent entered into a Consent Order filed with the Board on December 18, 2007 acknowledging that his guilty plea and the underlying conduct constituted violations of one or more of the following statutes and regulations: N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) (use of dishonesty, deception, fraud, false pretense and/or misrepresentation), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) (professional misconduct), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) (criminal conviction, including guilty plea, for a crime involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the

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Board), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(h) violation of the Board's statutes and regulations), N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(m) (indiscriminate prescribing), N.J.A.C. 13:35-6.5 (recordkeeping) and N.J.A.C. 13:35-7.1 et seq. (prescription, administration and dispensing of drugs). Pursuant to the Consent Order respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey was suspended for one year, and the entirety of the suspension was stayed, to be served as a period of probation. Respondent consented to successfully complete a Board approved physicians' ethics course, a Board approved record keeping course and payment of a civil penalty in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). Respondent also consented to appear before the Board or a Committee thereof upon completion of the period of stayed suspension to demonstrate fitness to practice in New Jersey and full compliance with the Consent Order.

Respondent signed a Settlement Agreement with the Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services, New Jersey Department of Human Services, Docket Nos. HMAPR 12302-2007N, HMAPR 09238-2007N, and HMAPR 01000-2008N disqualifying him from participation in any capacity in any program administered in whole or in part by DMAHS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 10:49-11.1, for two years beginning April 16, 2008 and continuing through April 16, 2010.

On September 24, 2008 Dr. Al-Salihi appeared pro se before a Committee of the Board and petitioned for an early termination of probation and an unrestricted licensure. Dr. Al-Salihi testified and presented documents regarding his compliance with the terms of the Consent Order and his fitness to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey. Although the Board did not grant early termination of

probation, the Board is now satisfied that Dr. Al-Salihi has completely satisfied all probationary terms, is fit to practice and has complied with the Consent Order.

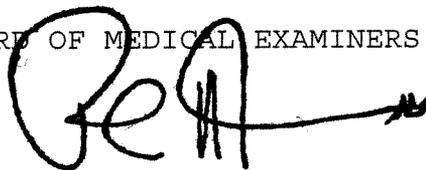
The Board having determined that the within Order is adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS THEREFORE ON THIS 14 DAY OF January, 2009

ORDERED:

1. Respondent's request for termination of probation imposed pursuant to the December 2007 Consent Order is hereby granted, and respondent's license is no longer subject to restriction or encumbrance.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS



By: _____
Paul C. Mendelowitz, M.D.
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