# BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:

David E. Sosin, M.D.

Case No. 800-2021-074623

Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099

Respondent.

#### DECISION

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED July 26, 2021.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

William Prasifka Executive Director

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2	Attorney General of California  JUDITH T. ALVARADO			
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12	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 800-2021-074623		
13	DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D.	OAH No. 800-2021-074623		
14	13362 Newport Avenue, Suite A Tustin, CA 92780	STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER		
15 16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099	·		
17	Respondent.			
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGR	EED by and between the parties to the above-		
20	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:			
21	PART	CIES		
22	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the	Executive Director of the Medical Board of		
23	California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in thi			
24 -	matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney General of the State of California, by Latrice R. Hemphill, Deput			
25	Attorney General.			
26	2. David E. Sosin, M.D. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by attorney			
27	Kevin D. Cauley, Esq., whose address is: 624 South Grand Avenue, 22nd Floor, Los Angeles,			
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3. On or about April 19, 1967, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099 to David E. Sosin, M.D. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623 and will expire on October 31, 2021, unless renewed.

#### **JURISDICTION**

Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623 was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Petition to Revoke Probation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on March 23, 2021. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Petition to Revoke Probation. A copy of Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623. Respondent also has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Petition to Revoke Probation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

8. Respondent understands that the charges and allegations in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

- 9. For the purpose of resolving the Petition to Revoke Probation without the expense and uncertainty of further proceedings, Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a factual basis for the charges in the Petition to Revoke Probation and that those charges constitute cause for discipline. Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest that cause for discipline exists based on those charges.
- 10. Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate without further process.

#### RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### **CONTINGENCY**

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

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#### **ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099, issued to Respondent DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D., is surrendered and accepted by the Board.

- 1. The surrender of Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 2. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a Physician and Surgeon in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.
- 3. Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board his pocket license and, if one was issued, his wall certificate on or before the effective date of the Decision and Order.
- 4. If Respondent ever files an application for licensure or a petition for reinstatement in the State of California, the Board shall treat it as a petition for reinstatement. Respondent must comply with all the laws, regulations and procedures for reinstatement of a revoked or surrendered license in effect at the time the petition is filed, and all of the charges and allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623 shall be deemed to be true, correct and admitted by Respondent when the Board determines whether to grant or deny the petition.
- 5. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Petition to Revoke Probation, No. 800-2021-074623 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict licensure.

<u>ACCEPTANCE</u>		
I have carefully read the above Stipulated Surrender of License and Order and have fully		
discussed it with my attorney Kevin D. Cauley, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect it		
will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of		
License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the		
DATED:  DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D.  Respondent  I have read and fully discussed with Respondent DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D. the terms and		
conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I		
approve its form and content.  DATED: 7-15-21 Levi Caule		
KEVIN D. CAULEY, ESQ.  Attorney for Respondent		
<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>		
The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted		
for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.		
DATED: Respectfully submitted,		
ROB BONTA Attorney General of California JUDITH T. ALVARADO Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
LATRICE R. HEMPHILL Deputy Attorney General Attorneys for Complainant		

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## **ACCEPTANCE**

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3	discussed it with my attorney Kevin D. Cauley, Esq. I understand the stipulation and the effect is		
4	will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Surrender of		
5	License and Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the		
6	Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.		
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8	DATED:		
9	DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D. Respondent		
10	I have read and fully discussed with Respondent DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D. the terms and		
11	conditions and other matters contained in this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order. I		
12	approve its form and content:		
13	DATED:		
14	KEVIN D. CAULEY, ESQ.  Attorney for Respondent		
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16	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>		
17	The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted		
18	for consideration by the Medical Board of California of the Department of Consumer Affairs.		
19	DATED: 7/19/2021 Respectfully submitted,		
20	ROB BONTA Attorney General of California		
21	JUDITH T. ALVARADO Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
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24	LATRICE R. HEMPHILL Deputy Attorney General		
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## Exhibit A

Petition to Revoke Probation No. 800-2021-074623

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13	In the Matter of the Petition to Revoke Probation Against:	Case No. 800-2021-074623	
14	DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D.	PETITION TO REVOKE	PRORATION
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16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099,		
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18	Respond	ent.	
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20	Complainant alleges:		
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22		brings this Petition to Revoke Prob	
23	official capacity as the Executive Director of	the Medical Board of California, I	Department of
24	Consumer Affairs (Board).		
25	2. On or about April 19, 1967, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and		
26	Surgeon's Certificate Number G 13099 to DA	AVID E. SOSIN, M.D. (Responder	nt). The
27	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in effect at all times relevant to the charges brought	
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- 3. In a prior disciplinary action entitled "In the Matter of the Accusation Against David E. Sosin, M.D.," Case No. 800-2013-000597, the Medical Board of California issued a Decision, effective December 2, 2016 ("2016 Decision"), in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years with certain terms and conditions. A copy of that Decision is attached as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein by reference.
- 4. In another disciplinary action titled "In the Matter of Accusation Against David E. Sosin, M.D.," Case No. 800-2015-016817, the Medical Board of California issued a Decision, effective March 20, 2020 ("2020 Decision"), in which Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was revoked. However, the revocation was stayed and Respondent's Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years with certain terms and conditions, including all of the terms and conditions of the 2016 Decision. A copy of that Decision is attached as Exhibit B and is incorporated herein by reference.

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 5. This Petition to Revoke Probation is brought before the Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.
  - 6. Section 2227 of the Code states:
  - (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
    - (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
  - (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
  - (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
  - (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
    - (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of

probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.

(b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.

## FIRST CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

#### (Clinical Competence Assessment Program)

7. At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 21 of the 2020 Decision stated, in pertinent part:

"Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical competence assessment program approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall successfully complete the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to an extension of that time. Respondent shall not be allowed to re-take the Center for Personalized Education for Physicians (CPEP) program.

If the Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical competence assessment program, the Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a final decision has been rendered on the accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. The cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period."

- 8. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 21, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
- A. On or about February 19, 2020, Respondent was officially enrolled in the University of California, San Diego Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program ("PACE Program"). Respondent participated in the PACE Program on May 28, June 1-2, and August 27-28, 2020.
- B. On or about November 10, 2020, the PACE Program provided the Board with their report regarding Respondent's assessment with the program. The report indicated that Respondent's overall performance on the comprehensive physician assessment was consistent with a "Fail, Category 4." As such, Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical competence assessment program, thereby violating his probation.

#### SECOND CAUSE TO REVOKE PROBATION

#### (Violation of Probation)

At all times after the effective date of Respondent's probation, Condition 17 of the
 2016 Decision states:

Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

- 10. Respondent's probation is subject to revocation because he failed to comply with Probation Condition 17, of the 2016 Decision, referenced above. The facts and circumstances regarding this violation are as follows:
  - A. Paragraphs 7 through 8, inclusive, above, are incorporated herein by reference.

## **DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS**

- 11. To determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent,
  Complainant alleges that on or about December 15, 2020, the Medical Board of California issued
  a Cease Practice Order in Case Nos. 800-2013-000597 and 800-2015-016817, for violation of
  Probation Condition 21. Respondent was ordered to immediately cease the practice of medicine.
- 12. To further determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant refers to the details of the prior disciplinary action, as more particularly alleged in paragraph 3, above, which are hereby incorporated by reference and alleged as if fully set forth herein. The disciplinary action was taken due to the following sustained allegations: gross negligence, repeated negligent acts, inadequate records, incompetence, prescribing without exam/indication, excessive prescribing, general unprofessional conduct, and aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine. That Decision is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth.
- 13. To further determine the degree of discipline, if any, to be imposed on Respondent, Complainant alleges that on or about June 14, 1999, in a prior disciplinary action, before the Board, titled "In the Matter of the Accusation Against David E. Sosin, M.D.," Case No. 04-1996-

66892, Respondent's license was revoked, with the revocation stayed, and Respondent was placed on probation for three (3) years, subject to terms and conditions. This action was taken due to the following sustained allegations: excessive prescribing, repeated negligent acts, gross negligence, and prescribing dangerous drugs without a good faith prior examination and medical indication therefor. That Decision is now final and is incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:

- Revoking the probation that was granted by the Medical Board of California in Case 1. No. 800-2015-016817 and imposing the disciplinary order that was stayed, thereby revoking Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099 issued to David E. Sosin, M.D.;
- Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099, issued to 2. David E. Sosin, M.D.;
- Revoking, suspending or denying approval of David E. Sosin, M.D.'s authority to 3. supervise physicians assistants, pursuant to section 3527 of the Code, and advanced practice nurses;
- Ordering David E. Sosin, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Medical Board of California the costs of probation monitoring; and
  - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 5.

MAR 23 2021 DATED:

Executive Director Medical Board of California

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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# Exhibit A

Decision and Order

Medical Board of California Case No. 800-2013-000597

#### BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	)
DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D.	) Case No. 8002013000597
Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 13099	) )
Respondent.	

#### **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on December 2, 2016.

IT IS SO ORDERED November 3, 2016.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Michelle Bholat, M.D., Chair

Panel B

MEDICAL BOANG OF CALIFORNIA I do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original on file in this

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KAMALA D. HARRIS Attorney General of California JUDITH T. ALVARADO 2 Supervising Deputy Attorney General 3 TAN N. TRAN Deputy Attorney General State Bar No. 197775 4 300 So. Spring Street, Suite 1702 Los Angeles, CA 90013 Telephone: (213) 897-6793 Facsimile: (213) 897-9395 5 6 Attorneys for Complainant 7 BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 Case No. 800-2013-000597 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: 11 OAH No. 2015120974 12 David E. Sosin, M.D. 13362 Newport Avenue, Suite A STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND 13 Tustin, CA 92780 DISCIPLINARY ORDER Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate 14 No. G13099, 15 Respondent. 16 17 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-18 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true: 19 **PARTIES** 20 Kimberly Kirchmeyer (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board. 21 1. of California. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this 22 matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Tan N. Tran, Deputy 23 Attorney General. 24 Respondent DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D. ("Respondent") is represented in this 25 2. proceeding by attorney Scott A. Martin, whose address is: PIVO, HALBREICH, MARTIN & 26 WILSON, LLP, 525 North Cabrillo Park Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701. 27 28 ///

STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2013-000597)

3. On or about April 19, 1967, the Medical Board of California issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G13099 to DAVID E. SOSIN, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2013-000597, and will expire on October 31, 2016, unless renewed.

#### JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 800-2013-000597 was filed before the Medical Board of California (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on July 1, 2015. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2013-000597 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2013-000597. Respondent has also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

#### **CULPABILITY**

Respondent does not contest that at an administrative hearing, complainant could
establish a prima facie case with respect to the charges and allegations contained in Accusation

No. 800-2013-000597, and that he has thereby subjected his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G13099 to disciplinary action.

10. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

#### RESERVATION

11. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Medical Board of California or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

#### CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent or his counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

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#### DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G13099 issued to David E. Sosin, M.D. (Respondent) is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions.

1. <u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES - PARTIAL RESTRICTION</u>. During the first three years of probation, for any prescription for controlled substances as listed in Schedule(s) II and III of the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, Respondent shall, within five business days after issuing said prescription(s), forward said patient(s)' medical record to the Board or its Designee. Said medical record(s) shall show all the following: 1) the name and address of patient; 2) the date; 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved; and 4) the indications and diagnosis for which the controlled substances were furnished.

Although Respondent has never previously prescribed or recommended medical marijuana for any patient, it is nonetheless ordered that Respondent shall not issue an oral or written recommendation or approval to a patient or a patient's primary caregiver for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5. If Respondent forms the medical opinion, after an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, that a patient's medical condition may benefit from the use of marijuana, Respondent shall so inform the patient and shall refer the patient to another physician who, following an appropriate prior examination and medical indication, may independently issue a medically appropriate recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5. In addition, Respondent shall inform the patient or the patient's primary caregiver that Respondent is prohibited from issuing a recommendation or approval for the possession or cultivation of marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient and that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver may not rely on Respondent's statements to legally possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient. Respondent shall fully document in the patient's chart that the patient or the patient's primary caregiver was so informed. Nothing in this condition prohibits Respondent

from providing the patient or the patient's primary caregiver information about the possible medical benefits resulting from the use of marijuana.

2. <u>CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES- MAINTAIN RECORDS AND ACCESS TO</u>

<u>RECORDS AND INVENTORIES</u>. Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances ordered, prescribed, dispensed, administered, or possessed by Respondent, and any recommendation or approval which enables a patient or patient's primary caregiver to possess or cultivate marijuana for the personal medical purposes of the patient within the meaning of Health and Safety Code section 11362.5, during probation, showing all the following: 1) the name and address of patient; 2) the date; 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances involved; and 4) the indications and diagnosis for which the controlled substances were furnished.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order. All records and any inventories of controlled substances shall be available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the Board or its designee at all times during business hours and shall be retained for the entire term of probation.

- 3. <u>EDUCATION COURSE.</u> Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than 40 hours per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge and shall be Category I certified. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.
- 4. <u>PRESCRIBING PRACTICES COURSE</u>. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in prescribing practices equivalent to the Prescribing Practices Course at the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine (Program), approved in advance by the

Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the program with any information and documents that the Program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The prescribing practices course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A prescribing practices course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

5. MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping equivalent to the Medical Record Keeping Course offered by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program, University of California, San Diego School of Medicine (Program), approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the program with any information and documents that the Program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The medical record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

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Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

6. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

7. <u>CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM</u>. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a clinical training or educational program equivalent to the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program (PACE) offered at the University of California - San Diego School of Medicine ("Program"). Respondent shall successfully complete

the Program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment unless the Board or its designee agrees in writing to an extension of that time.

The Program shall consist of a Comprehensive Assessment program comprised of a two-day assessment of Respondent's physical and mental health; basic clinical and communication skills common to all clinicians; and medical knowledge, skill and judgment pertaining to Respondent's area of practice in which Respondent was alleged to be deficient, and at minimum, a 40 hour program of clinical education in the area of practice in which Respondent was alleged to be deficient and which takes into account data obtained from the assessment, Decision(s), Accusation(s), and any other information that the Board or its designee deems relevant. Respondent shall pay all expenses associated with the clinical training program.

Based on Respondent's performance and test results in the assessment and clinical education, the Program will advise the Board or its designee of its recommendation(s) for the scope and length of any additional educational or clinical training, treatment for any medical condition, treatment for any psychological condition, or anything else affecting Respondent's practice of medicine. Respondent shall comply with Program recommendations.

At the completion of any additional educational or clinical training, Respondent shall submit to and pass an examination. Determination as to whether Respondent successfully completed the examination or successfully completed the program is solely within the program's jurisdiction.

If Respondent fails to enroll, participate in, or successfully complete the clinical training program within the designated time period, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. The Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until enrollment or participation in the outstanding portions of the clinical training program have been completed. If the Respondent did not successfully complete the clinical training program, the Respondent shall not resume the practice of medicine until a final decision has been rendered on the accusation and/or a petition to revoke probation. The cessation of practice shall not apply to the reduction of the probationary time period.

8. MONITORING - PRACTICE. Within 30 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for prior approval as a practice monitor(s), the name and qualifications of one or more licensed physicians and surgeons whose licenses are valid and in good standing, and who are preferably American Board of Medical Specialtics (ABMS) certified. A monitor shall have no prior or current business or personal relationship with Respondent, or other relationship that could reasonably be expected to compromise the ability of the monitor to render fair and unbiased reports to the Board, including but not limited to any form of bartering, shall be in Respondent's field of practice, and must agree to serve as Respondent's monitor. Respondent shall pay all monitoring costs.

The Board or its designee shall provide the approved monitor with copies of the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), and a proposed monitoring plan. Within 15 calendar days of receipt of the Decision(s). Accusation(s), and proposed monitoring plan, the monitor shall submit a signed statement that the monitor has read the Decision(s) and Accusation(s), fully understands the role of a monitor, and agrees or disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan. If the monitor disagrees with the proposed monitoring plan with the signed statement for approval by the Board or its designee.

Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and continuing throughout probation, Respondent's practice shall be monitored by the approved monitor. Respondent shall make all records available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises by the monitor at all times during business hours and shall retain the records for the entire term of probation.

If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a monitor within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified. Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a monitor is approved to provide monitoring responsibility.

The monitor(s) shall submit a quarterly written report to the Board or its designee which includes an evaluation of Respondent's performance, indicating whether Respondent's practices are within the standards of practice of medicine, and whether Respondent is practicing medicine

 safely. It shall be the sole responsibility of Respondent to ensure that the monitor submits the quarterly written reports to the Board or its designee within 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall, within 5 calendar days of such resignation or unavailability, submit to the Board or its designee, for prior approval, the name and qualifications of a replacement monitor who will be assuming that responsibility within 15 calendar days. If Respondent fails to obtain approval of a replacement monitor within 60 calendar days of the resignation or unavailability of the monitor, Respondent shall receive a notification from the Board or its designee to cease the practice of medicine within three (3) calendar days after being so notified Respondent shall cease the practice of medicine until a replacement monitor is approved and assumes monitoring responsibility.

In lieu of a monitor, Respondent may participate in a professional enhancement program equivalent to the one offered by the Physician Assessment and Clinical Education Program at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine, that includes, at minimum, quarterly chart review, semi-annual practice assessment, and semi-annual review of professional growth and education. Respondent shall participate in the professional enhancement program at Respondent's expense during the term of probation.

#### STANDARD CONDITIONS

9. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

0. SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS. During probation, Respondent is

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prohibited from supervising physician assistants.

- 11. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u>. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.
- 12. <u>OUARTERLY DECLARATIONS</u>. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

#### 13. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

#### Compliance with Probation Unit

Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit and all terms and conditions of this Decision.

#### Address Changes

Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021(b).

#### Place of Practice

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed facility.

#### License Renewal

Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

#### Travel or Residence Outside California

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any

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areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) calendar days.

In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of departure and return.

- 14. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE</u>. Respondent shall be available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.
- 15. NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION. Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than 30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine in California as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar months, Respondent shall successfully complete a clinical training program that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

Periods of non-practice will relieve Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws; and General Probation Requirements.

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- 16. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.
- 17. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u>. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.

  The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- 19. PROBATION MONITORING COSTS. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year.

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