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

: Administrative Action

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

RICHARD A. KAUL, M.D. : LICENSE NO. 25 MA 063281 : INTERIM CONSENT ORDER

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TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY : IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon the filing of an Order to Show Cause and Verified Administrative Complaint with supporting material on April 2, 2012, seeking the temporary suspension of the medical license of Respondent, Richard A. Kaul M.D. An answer has been filed by Respondent denying the substance of the allegations of the Verified Complaint.

The parties desirous of resolving this matter pending a plenary hearing in the Office of Administrative Law and the

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Board, finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare,

IT IS, therefore, on this  $2^{nd}$  day of May , 2012, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT,

- 1. Richard A. Kaul, M.D. agrees to and shall cease and desist performing or assisting in any and all spinal surgical procedures, including but not limited to, minimally invasive spinal fusions with or without instrumentation, open spinal surgery, and discectomies pending the outcome of the plenary hearing.
- 2. Richard A. Kaul, M.D. agrees to and shall cease and desist performing all surgery and special procedures, including but not limited to interventional pain management procedures, as defined under N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.1 et seq. pending further Order of the Board. This includes all procedures performed utilizing conscious sedation, regional anesthesia, or general anesthesia. Nothing herein shall limit the Respondent in administering anesthesia in cases where he is not the surgeon and is in compliance with N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.1 et seq.
- 3. Richard A. Kaul, M.D. is permitted to perform minor surgical procedures as defined under N.J.A.C. 13:35-4A.1 et seq. Minor surgical procedures exclude all procedures performed

utilizing conscious sedation, regional anesthesia or general anesthesia.

- 4. The restrictions set forth in this Interim Consent Order will remain in effect pending further Order of the Board.
- 5. This Interim Consent Order does not constitute an admission or finding against Richard A. Kaul, M.D.
- 6. This Interim Consent Order does not prohibit the Respondent from making application for privileges from either a New Jersey hospital or the Board to perform the procedures covered in paragraph 2. Respondent must disclose this Interim Consent Order when applying for such privileges.
- 7. This Interim Consent Order does not prohibit the Respondent from employing a surgeon, certified by a Board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties, to perform surgery or special procedures at New Jersey Spine and Rehabilitation Center as long as this surgeon is privileged to perform that surgery or special procedure by a New York City, New Jersey or Board-approved hospital, with such approval not being unreasonably withheld. Any surgeon hired by Respondent must be provided with a copy of this Order and provide the Board with a signed copy as proof of receipt.
- 8. Respondent must revise the website for New Jersey Spine and Rehabilitation Center to accurately reflect the procedures

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that Respondent can perform and to identify the procedures performed by other practitioners at that office location.

- 9. Upon receipt of proof of Respondent's failure to materially comply with any of the conditions herein, the Attorney General reserves the right to proceed on the temporary suspension application filed on April 2, 2012 and/or file an application in aid of litigant's rights.
- 10. Respondent is free to seek from the Board on notice relief from this Order or modification of this Order.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Paul T. Jordan, M.D.

President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

Richard A. Kaul, M.D.

Consent is hereby given as to the form and entry

of this Order.

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