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July 25, 2011

CERTIFIED MAIL-RECEIPT REQUESTED

Victor J. Paolo, M.D.

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Re: License #178177

Dear Dr. Paolo:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 11-184. This Order of Conditions pursuant to Public Health Law Section 230 is effective August 1, 2011.

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 433 River Street, Suite 303, Troy, NY 12180, telephone # (518)402-0863.

Sincerely,

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Katherine A. Hawkins, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

cc: John J. Barbera, Esq.
Martin Clearwater & Bell
245 Main Street
White Plains, New York 10601

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
VICTOR JOHN PAOLO, M.D.

ORDER
OF CONDITIONS
PURSUANT TO
N.Y. PUB. HEALTH
LAW § 230

BPMC#: 11-184

Upon the application of VICTOR JOHN PAOLO, M.D. (Licensee) in the attached Stipulation and Application for an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Application), which is made a part of this Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 (Order), it is agreed that:

- the Application and its terms are adopted; and
- this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Order by first class mail to Licensee at the address in the attached Application or by certified mail to Licensee's attorney, or upon facsimile transmission to Licensee or Licensee's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATE: 7/23/11

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KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

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STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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STIPULATION AND
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VICTOR JOHN PAOLO, M.D., represents that all of the following statements are true:

That on or about May 10, 1989, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York and issued License No. 178177 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is REDACTED

I am currently retired from the active practice of medicine, and am not currently affiliated with any hospitals or facilities.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("the Board") has investigated the issues set forth in attached Exhibit "A".

I request that the Board and the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("the Director"), in reliance upon the results of the investigation to date, conclude the investigation of these issues, provided I successfully and without incident comply with the Conditions set forth below. In consideration of the Board and the Director granting this Application, and upon the Board's election not to bring disciplinary charges against me, I agree that the Board and the Director shall issue an Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230. This Order shall set the following *Conditions* upon my practice:

1. Licensee's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Licensee as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of this Order and may subject Licensee to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

2. Licensee shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of N.Y. Educ Law § 6502, including but not limited to the requirements that a licensee shall register, and continue to be registered, with the New York State Education Department (except during periods of actual suspension) and that a licensee shall pay all registration fees. Licensee shall not exercise the option provided in N.Y. Educ Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 120 days after the Order's effective date and will continue while Licensee possesses a license. My failure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to N. Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(10), shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).
3. Licensee shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street Suite 303, Troy, New York 12180-2299 with the following information, in writing, and ensure that this information is kept current: a full description of Respondent's employment and practice; all professional and residential addresses and telephone numbers within and outside New York State; all current and past affiliations and/or privileges, with hospitals, institutions, facilities, medical practices, managed care organizations, and/or applications for such affiliations and/or privileges; all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Licensee shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.
4. Licensee shall cooperate fully with the Office of Professional Medical Conduct ("OPMC") in its administration and enforcement of this Order and in its investigation of Licensee. Licensee shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of compliance with the terms of this Order, meet in person with the Director's designee, and respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Licensee's control to OPMC, as directed. This Condition shall take effect upon the Order's effective date and will continue while Licensee possesses a license.
5. Licensee shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Licensee shall ensure education, training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.

6. Licensee shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients.
7. For a period of three years, subject to the tolling provisions set forth in Paragraph 14, below, the Director may review Licensee's professional performance. This review may include but shall not be limited to: a review of office records, patient records, hospital charts and/or electronic records; and interviews or periodic visits with Licensee and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
8. Licensee shall provide access for DOH personnel to Licensee's office(s) to verify Licensee's compliance with this Order. This access shall include, but not be limited to, on-site inspections, observation and interviews.
9. For a period of three years, subject to the tolling provisions set forth in Paragraph 14, below, Licensee shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board-certified in an appropriate specialty ("practice monitor"), proposed by Licensee and subject to the written approval of the Director. [Licensee is not currently engaged in the active practice of medicine; accordingly, the terms set forth in this paragraph shall toll upon issuance of the Order. Upon the Licensee's return to the active practice of medicine in New York State, the terms set forth in this paragraph shall take effect immediately.]
 - a. Licensee shall make available to the practice monitor all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Licensee's medical practice at every location on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection of records (no fewer than twenty) maintained by Licensee, including patient records, prescribing information and office records, to determine whether the Licensee's medical practice is conducted in accordance with generally accepted standards of professional medical care. The practice monitor shall report to OPMC within 24 hours of any perceived deviation by Licensee from accepted standards of medical care or any refusal by Licensee to cooperate with the monitoring.

- b. Licensee shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
 - c. Licensee shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director.
 - d. Licensee shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Public Health Law § 230(18)(b). Licensee shall provide the Director with proof of such coverage before Licensee may practice medicine after the Order's effective date.
10. Licensee shall not prescribe or administer any medications:
- a. During any period when Licensee is not engaged in the active practice of medicine; and
 - b. Until Licensee formally returns to medical practice in compliance with the requirements of paragraph 14 below; and
 - c. Until after Licensee has completed a continuing education program in the area of pain management, in compliance with the requirements of paragraph 13 below.
11. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, in the event that Licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) certificate for New York State, Licensee shall advise the DEA, in writing, of the terms of this order and shall surrender his DEA controlled substance privileges for New York State to the DEA. Licensee shall promptly surrender any unused DEA #222 U.S. Official Order Forms Schedules 1 and 2 for New York State to the DEA. All submissions to the DEA shall be addressed to Diversion Program Manager, New York Field Division, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, 99 Tenth Avenue, New York, NY 10011.
12. Within 15 days of the Order's effective date, Licensee shall return any unused New York State official prescription forms to the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the New York State Department of Health. Licensee shall destroy all prescription pads bearing Licensee's name.

13. Licensee shall enroll in and complete a continuing education program in the area of pain management. This continuing education program is subject to the Director's prior written approval and shall be completed within the first 90 days of the period of Conditions.
14. The period of Conditions shall toll when Licensee is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more. Licensee is not currently engaged in active practice, and therefore, the period of Conditions shall be tolled upon the effective date of this Order. Licensee shall notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active medical practice in New York State. Upon Licensee's return to active medical practice in New York State, the period of Conditions shall resume and Licensee shall fulfill any unfulfilled terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
 - a. Thereafter, Licensee shall notify the Director, in writing, if Licensee intends to again leave active medical practice in New York State for 30 consecutive days or more, and shall notify the Director again at least 14 days before returning to active medical practice in New York State. Upon Licensee's return to active medical practice in New York State, the period of Conditions shall resume and Licensee shall fulfill any unfulfilled terms and such additional requirements as the Director may impose as reasonably relate to the matters set forth in Exhibit "A" or as are necessary to protect the public health.
15. Licensee shall comply with this Order, and all its terms and Conditions, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with or violation of these terms, the Director and/or the Board may initiate a proceeding against Licensee under N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with these conditions shall constitute misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530(29).

I understand that nothing in this Application shall be construed as an admission by me of any act of alleged misconduct or as a finding of misconduct as to those issues referred to in

Exhibit "A." I deny any acts of misconduct and reserve my right to assert all defenses I may have in any later or other proceeding.

I understand and agree that my failure to comply with, successfully complete, or satisfy any of the material conditions of this Order, and/or any unsatisfactory report by the practice monitor, shall vest the Director with the authority, in the exercise of reasonable discretion, to vacate this agreement and shall permit the Director to pursue further investigation and/or prosecution of misconduct charges against me as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A" to the full extent authorized by the Public Health Law and the Education Law.

I understand that an Order issued upon this Application does not bar prosecution for professional misconduct based upon allegations of violations of N.Y. Educ. Law § 6530 unrelated to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A", whether those alleged violations occurred before or after this Application. The Director may, at such time, also direct counsel to prepare charges that include allegations as to the issues set forth in Exhibit "A".

I agree that, if the Board grants this Application, the Chair of the Board shall issue an Order of Conditions in accordance with its terms. I further agree that the Department of Health shall notify the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards of this Order of Conditions pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230 and that the change in my licensure status is not disciplinary in nature. This Order of Conditions shall be posted on the Department of Health website(s).

I make this Application of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Application, I waive my right to contest the Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Order, and I ask that the Board grant this Application.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department of Health, the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct and the Chair of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed agreement and Order, based upon my Application, or to decline to do so. I further understand and agree that no prior or separate written or oral communication can limit that discretion.

6/20/11

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VICTOR JOHN PAOLO, M.D.
Licensee

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The undersigned agree to Licensee's attached Application and to the issuance of the proposed Order of Conditions Pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230.

DATE: 7/6/11

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JOHN BARBERA, ESQ.
Attorney for Licensee

DATE: July 12, 2011

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MARCIA E. KAPLAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 7/22/11

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KEITH W. SERVIS
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct