

STATE OF MAINE

BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE

In Re: )  
 ) Consent Agreement  
 Patrick J. M. Ryan, M.D. )

This document is a Consent Agreement entered into between and among Patrick J. M. Ryan, M.D., the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine ("the Board") and the State of Maine Department of Attorney General. This Consent Agreement is entered into pursuant to 10 MRSA 8003 (5)(6) AND 32 MRSA 3282-A.

I. BACKGROUND FACTS

At all relevant times, Dr. Ryan has held a license to practice medicine in the State of Maine, having most recently requested to change his licensure status from inactive to active so he may obtain employment and practice here in Maine. In June of 1981, Dr. Ryan voluntarily surrendered his South Carolina license due to substance abuse. Dr. Ryan's South Carolina license was reinstated in July of 1985. In November of 1989, Dr. Ryan's South Carolina license was suspended for failure to remain alcohol/drug free. In June of 1990, South Carolina reissued Dr. Ryan's medical license. Since 1990, Dr. Ryan has successfully participated as a member in good standing of the Physician's Advocacy and Assistance Committee of the South Carolina Medical Association. The Board has received periodic reports about Dr. Ryan from the South Carolina Medical Association and all reports reflect a continued state of sobriety.

II. FINDINGS

The Board finds there are sufficient facts to warrant attaching conditions to Dr. Ryan's Maine medical license as its status is converted from inactive to active. Further, the Board finds that a Consent Agreement with the Maine Board would protect the citizens of the State of Maine were Dr. Ryan to practice in Maine.

This Consent Agreement is being entered into by the undersigned parties, and with the consent of Dr. Ryan in lieu of an adjudicatory hearing. Dr. Ryan admits a history of substance abuse, with subsequent disciplinary action by the State of South Carolina. Further Dr. Ryan acknowledges that he is currently a participant in the Physician's Advocacy and Assistance Committee of the South Carolina Medical Association. This Consent Agreement and its conditions shall remain a permanent adverse licensing action by the Board.

### III. CONDITIONS

Upon receipt of an assignment or offer of employment to practice medicine in Maine, Dr. Ryan shall notify the Board in writing of his intentions to accept such assignment or offer, the location of the practice assigned or offered, the nature of the practice, i.e., private office, hospital or clinic, the name of the supervising physician and a description of the manner and extent of supervision contemplated.

Dr. Ryan shall not commence such practice unless and until the arrangement as described in such notice has been approved by the Board in writing. Dr. Ryan shall notify the Board in writing of any changes to the practice arrangement as approved. Such notification shall be made as soon as possible after Dr. Ryan learns of such changes, but not later than forty-eight (48) hours prior to such change(s) taking effect. Dr. Ryan shall immediately cease such practice in the event that the Board notifies him in writing that such change(s) are not acceptable to the Board.

Whenever practicing in Maine, Dr. Ryan shall also be affiliated with the Committee on Physician Health of the Maine Medical Association. As a condition of active licensure in Maine, Dr. Ryan agrees to be bound by the conditions of a Moral Contract developed between himself and the Committee on Physician Health. Should Dr. Ryan and the Committee on Physician Health be unable to agree to a contract or an agreement lapses, then this Consent Agreement will become void, Dr. Ryan's licensure status will automatically revert to inactive and his license status would then become the subject of an adjudicatory hearing. At no time shall Dr. Ryan practice medicine or surgery in Maine without there being in place a Moral Contract between Dr. Ryan and the Committee on Physician Health.

Whenever the Board receives a notice from Dr. Ryan of his intention to practice in Maine, the Board shall notify the Clinical Director of Committee on Physician Health of Dr. Ryan's intention and share with the Clinical Director the practice information provided by Dr. Ryan. Dr. Ryan also agrees to contact the Clinical Director prior to beginning to practice at any location here in Maine.

Should Dr. Ryan fail to comply with the provisions of this Agreement or the conditions attached to his license set forth herein, such action may result in the Board holding a hearing in Maine and pursuant to Maine law, to which Dr. Ryan now consents, to determine whether Dr. Ryan should be held in violation of this Agreement. Upon determination that Dr. Ryan has breached or violated this Agreement, the Board may take such disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, including but not limited to disciplinary proceedings pursuant to 32 MRSA 3282-A.

This Agreement and the fact that Dr. Ryan's Maine physician's license is subject to the conditions set forth herein shall constitute a final action of the Board and, as such, is subject to the reporting requirements of the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards. The Agreement is a public document and may be requested by and released to the general public.

Dr. Ryan may seek removal or modification of the conditions upon his license imposed by this Agreement by written petition to the Board. However, no such petition will be considered by the Board before the second (2nd) anniversary date of this Agreement.

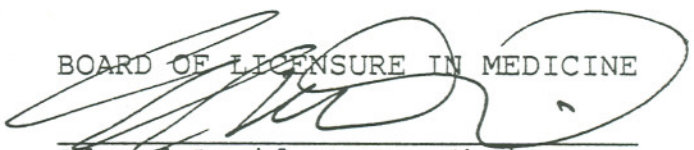
Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to deny the Board jurisdiction to investigate future alleged violations of law or complaints received by the Board which are unknown at this time or that are not covered under the conditions of this Agreement or past or subsequent acts which are unknown to the Board.

Dr. Ryan waives his right to a hearing before the Board or any Court regarding all terms and conditions of this Consent Agreement. He has had an opportunity to be advised by counsel with respect to its terms.


Date: 6/6/95

  
Patrick J. M. Ryan, M.D.

Date: 6-14-95

BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE  
  
Edward David, M.D., Chair

Date: 6/14/95

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