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Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H. *Commissioner*

Dennis P. Whalen

Executive Deputy Commissioner

April 3, 2000

Mr. Robert Bentley, Director Division of Professional Licensing Services New York State Education Department Cultural Education Center Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12230

RE:

Sujata Rao Maddineni, M.B.B.S.

NYS License No. 205692

Dear Mr. Bentley:

Enclosed is a copy of a Commissioner's Order and Notice of Hearing which summarily suspends Dr. Sujata Rao Maddineni's right to practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order was issued on March 31, 2000, and is in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

Anne F. Saile

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Daniel Kelleher

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

SUJATA-RAO MADDINENI, M.B.B.S.

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING

TO: SUJATA-RAO MADDINENI, M.B.B.S. 117 Middlesex Road, Apt. 1
Waltham, Massachusetts 02154

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, after an investigation, upon the recommendation of a committee on professional medical conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof, has determined that Sujata-Rao Maddineni, M.B.B.S. has been disciplined by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another jurisdiction, namely, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board of Registration in Medicine, for acts which if committed in the state of New York would have constituted the basis for summary action pursuant to New York Public Health Law Section 230(12)(a), and has further determined that the continued practice of medicine in the state of New York by Sujata-Rao Maddineni, M.B.B.S., the Respondent, constitutes imminent danger to the health of the people of this state.

It is therefore,

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, Sujata-Rao Maddineni, M.B.B.S., Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York. Ther Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y.

Public Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401.

The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board

for Professional Medical Conduct on the 17th day of May, 2000 at 10:00 am in the forenoon at the Hedley Park Plaza, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York, 12180, and at such other adjourned dates, times, and places as the committee may direct. The Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on her behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on her behalf for the production of witnesses and documents, and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against her. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180, (518-402-0751), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical

documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the administrative review board for professional medical conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A
DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO
PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE
BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT
YOU MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER
SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC
HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-a. YOU ARE
URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY IN THIS
MATTER.

DATED:

Albany, New York MARCh 3/,2000

ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H.

Commissioner

Inquiries should be directed to:

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STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

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OF

SUJATA-RAO MADDINENI, M.B.B.S.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

SUJATA-RAO MADDINENI, M.B.B.S., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on January 30, 1997 by the issuance of license number 205692 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about December 17, 1999, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board of Registration in Medicine, (hereinafter "Massachusetts Board"), by a Consent Order, (hereinafter "Massachusetts Order"), indefinitely suspended the Respondent's license to practice medicine, based on her being unavailable to patients and nurses, asking a nurse to provide her with Orajel that contained lidocaine, practicing medicine while her ability to practice was impaired by alcohol, drugs, physical disability or medical instability, and leaving the hospital without arranging for alternate coverage.
- B. The conduct resulting in the Massachusetts Board's disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state Law:
 - 1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
 - 2. New York Education Law §6530(5) (incompetence on more than one occasion);
 - 3. New York Education Law §6530(7) (practicing the profession while impaired by

alcohol, drugs, physical disability or mental disability);

- 4. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of medicine); and/or
 - 5. New York Education Law §6530(30) (abandoning or neglecting a patient).

SPECIFICATIONS FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct by reason of having violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that the Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraphs A and/or B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent is charged with professional misconduct by having violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had her license to practice medicine suspended or having other disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the suspension or other disciplinary action would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that the Petitioner charges

2. The facts in paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: Www.31, 2000 Albany, New York

PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct