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February 3, 2014

***CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED***

Amarish R. Kapasi, M.D.

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RE: License No. 223511

Dear Dr. Kapasi:

Enclosed is a copy of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (BPMC) Order No. 14-26. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect February 10, 2014.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a fine, please write the check payable to the New York State Department of Health. Noting the BPMC Order number on your remittance will assist in proper crediting. Payments should be directed to the following address:

Bureau of Accounts Management  
New York State Department of Health  
Corning Tower, Room 2784  
Empire State Plaza  
Albany, New York 12237

Please direct any questions to: Board for Professional Medical Conduct, 90 Church Street, 4th Floor, New York, NY 10007-2919, telephone # 212-417-4445.

Sincerely,

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

cc: Lauren S. Cousineau, Esq.  
Lemery Greisler, LLC  
50 Beaver Street, 2nd Floor  
Albany, NY 12207

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

BPMC No. 14-26

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**IN THE MATTER**  
**OF**  
**AMARISH KAPASI, M.D.**

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**CONSENT**  
**ORDER**

Upon the application of **AMARISH KAPASI, M.D.**, (Respondent), in the attached Consent Agreement, that is made a part of this Consent Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Consent Agreement, and its terms, are adopted and it is further

ORDERED, that this Consent Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, or upon facsimile or email transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 1/31/2014

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ARTHUR S. HENGERER, M.D.  
Chair  
State Board for Professional  
Medical Conduct

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

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IN THE MATTER  
OF

AMARISH KAPASI, M.D.  
CO-12-11-5611-A

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CONSENT  
AGREEMENT

AMARISH KAPASI, M.D., (Respondent), representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about December 18, 2001, I was licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York and issued license number 223511 by the New York State Education Department. I currently do not practice medicine in the State of New York.

My current address is REDACTED and I will advise the Director (Director) of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC) of any change of my address within thirty (30) days, thereof.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (Board) has charged me with one Specification of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit A, is attached to and part of this Consent Agreement.

I do not contest the specification, and agree to the following sanction:

Pursuant to NY Public Health Law §230-a(2), my license to practice medicine in New York shall be suspended for two (2) years. However, the suspension shall be stayed and, pursuant to NY Pub. Health Law §230-a(9), I shall be placed on probation for three (3) years, subject to the terms set forth in attached exhibit "B" and any extension and/or modifications, thereto.

Respondent shall pay a \$3,000.00 fine, to be paid within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Consent Order to the NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Accounts Management, Revenue Unit, Empire State Plaza, Coming Tower, Room 2784, Albany, NY 12237-0016.

In making such payment, Respondent shall indicate the order number of this Order both on the payment check submitted and on the cover letter accompanying payment. Additionally, Respondent shall simultaneously mail a photocopy of the check and cover letter to: Physician Monitoring Program, Office of Professional Medical Medical Conduct, Riverview Center, 10 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, NY 12204-2719.

Respondent shall be prohibited from prescribing and administering controlled substances.

I agree, further, that the Consent Order shall impose the following conditions:

Respondent shall comply fully with the Public Consent Order of the Composite Medical Board of Georgia (Georgia Board) and any extension or modification thereof.

Respondent shall provide a written authorization for the Georgia Board to provide the Director of OPMC with any/all information or documentation as requested by OPMC to enable OPMC to determine whether Respondent is in compliance with the Georgia Board agreement(s).

Respondent shall submit semi-annually a signed Compliance Declaration to the Director of OPMC, which truthfully attests whether Respondent has been in compliance with the Georgia Board agreement(s) during the declaration period specified.

Respondent shall provide the Director with no less than 90 days' written notice of Respondent's intention to return to practice in New York State.

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Education 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. Respondent shall not exercise the option provided in New York Education Law § 6502(4) to avoid registration and payment of fees. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the effective date of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State; and

That Respondent shall remain in continuous compliance with all requirements of New York Public Health Law § 2995-a(4) and 10 NYCRR 1000.5, including but not limited to

the requirements that a licensee shall: report to the Department all information required by the Department to develop a public physician profile for the licensee; continue to notify the Department of any change in profile information within 30 days of any change (or in the case of optional information, within 365 days of such change); and, in addition to such periodic reports and notification of any changes, update his or her profile information within six months prior to the expiration date of the licensee's registration period. Licensee shall submit changes to his or her physician profile information either electronically using the Department's secure web site or on forms prescribed by the Department, and licensee shall attest to the truthfulness, completeness and correctness of any changes licensee submits to the Department. This condition shall take effect 30 days after the Order's effective date and shall continue so long as Respondent remains a licensee in New York State. Respondent's failure to comply with this condition, if proven and found at a hearing pursuant to New York Public Health Law § 230, shall constitute professional misconduct as defined in New York Education Law § 6530(21) and New York Education Law § 6530(29). Potential penalties for failure to comply with this condition may include all penalties for professional misconduct set forth in New York Public Health Law § 230-a, including but not limited to: Revocation or Suspension of license, Censure and Reprimand, Probation, Public Service and/or Fines up to \$10,000 per specification of misconduct found.

That Respondent shall cooperate fully with the OPMC in its administration and enforcement of the Consent Order and in its investigations of matters concerning Respondent. Respondent shall respond in a timely manner to all OPMC requests for written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with this Consent Agreement. Respondent shall meet with a person designated by the Director, OPMC, as directed. Respondent shall respond promptly and provide all documents and information within Respondent's control, as directed. This condition shall take effect upon the Board's issuance of the Consent Order and will continue so long as Respondent remains licensed in New York State.

I stipulate that my failure to comply with any conditions of the Consent Order shall constitute misconduct as defined by New York Education Law § 6530(29).

I agree that, if I am charged with professional misconduct in future, this Consent Agreement and the Consent Order shall be admitted into evidence in that proceeding.

**I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement.**

I understand that if the Board does not adopt this Consent Agreement, none of its terms shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this Consent Agreement shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to New York Public Health Law

I agree that, if the Board adopts this Consent Agreement, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Consent Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that the Consent Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Consent Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Consent Agreement, or to my attorney by certified mail, or upon facsimile or email transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first. The Consent Order, this Consent Agreement, and all attached Exhibits shall be public documents, with only patient identities, if any, redacted. As public documents, they may be posted on the Department of Health website.

I stipulate that the proposed sanction and Consent Order are authorized by New York Public Health Law §§ 230 and 230-a, and that the Board and OPMC have the requisite powers to carry out all included terms. I ask the Board to adopt this Consent Agreement of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's adoption of this Consent Agreement, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Consent Order for which I apply. administratively and/or judicially, I agree to be bound by the Consent Order, and I ask that the Board adopt this Consent Agreement.

I understand and agree that the attorney for the Department, the Director, OPMC, and the Chair of the Board each retain complete discretion either to enter into the proposed Consent Agreement and Consent 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.

AFFIRMED:

DATED: 1/21/ 2014

REDACTED

AMARISH KAPASI, M.D.  
Respondent

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Consent Agreement and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: January 22, 2014

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LAUREN S. COUSINEAU, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: January 24, 2014

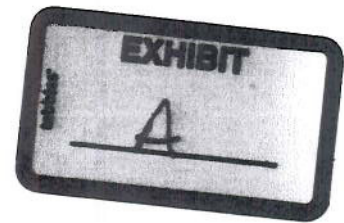
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PAUL TSUI  
Assistant Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 1/31, 2014

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KEITH W. SERVIS  
Director  
Office of Professional Medical Conduct



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

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STATEMENT  
OF  
CHARGES

AMARISH KAPASI, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on December 18, 2001, by the issuance of license number 223511 by the New York State Education Department.

**FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

A. On or about October 5, 2012, the State of Georgia, Composite Medical Board (hereinafter "Georgia Board"), by a Public Consent Order (hereinafter "Georgia Order"), inter alia, imposed sanctions on Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Georgia under O.C.G.A. Chapters 1 and 34, Title 43 as amended. Respondent was ordered to complete 40 hours of CME in the area of pain management, to enroll in and successfully complete the mini-residency program entitled "Appropriate Prescribing of Controlled Substances" sponsored by the Mercer University Southern School of Pharmacy, prohibited him from prescribing controlled substances outside of his practice as a physician at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, required him to maintain a contemporaneous log of all controlled substances, prescribed, administered, dispensed or ordered by Respondent including the date, patient name, drug, strength, quantity, and refill status as well as the diagnosis and reasons for prescribing, administering, dispensing, or ordering each drug. Prior to prescribing, administering, ordering or dispensing any controlled substances, Respondent was required to fully detail the patient medical record to reflect the history obtained, examination performed, and diagnosis reached. Respondent was required to comply with all record keeping requirements of the Georgia Board. Furthermore, Respondent was required to pay a \$5,000.00 fine and \$525.00 administrative fees. The sanctions were based on Respondent's treatment of two married patients for chronic widespread pain from on or about December 2007 to on or about November 3, 2010, during which time Respondent failed to make a diagnosis for either patient, failed to document in any way, any visit, history, physical exam, assessment, or Respondent's decision-making. Respondent prescribed both patients the exact same medication regimen with



extremely high and possibly excessive dosages without any documentation or explanation to justify their use.

B. On or about January 10, 2013, the Georgia Order of October 5, 2012, was replaced and superseded by an Amended Public Consent Order (hereinafter "Amended Georgia Order"). All terms remained the same with the additional term that the Georgia Board approved of Respondent's employment at a VA Hospital.

C. The conduct resulting in the Georgia Board 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) (Practicing the profession with negligence on more than one occasion); and/or
2. New York Education Law §6530(4) (Practicing the profession with gross negligence on a particular occasion); and/or
3. New York Education Law §6530(5) (Practicing the profession with incompetence on more than one occasion); and/or
4. New York Education Law §6530(6) (Practicing the profession with gross incompetence); and/or
5. New York Education Law §6530(32) (Failing to maintain a record for each patient which accurately reflects the evaluation and treatment of the patient).

#### SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having disciplinary action taken by a duly authorized disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would, if committed in New York State, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York State, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A, B and C.

DATED: *Oct. 25*, 2013  
Albany; New York

REDACTED  
*MICHAEL A. HISER*  
Deputy Counsel  
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

**EXHIBIT B**  
**Terms of Probation**

1. Respondent's conduct shall conform to moral and professional standards of conduct and governing law. Any act of professional misconduct by Respondent as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law §§ 6530 or 6531 shall constitute a violation of probation and may subject Respondent to an action pursuant to N.Y. Pub. Health Law § 230(19).
2. Respondent shall maintain active registration of Respondent's license (except during periods of actual suspension) with the New York State Education Department Division of Professional Licensing Services, and shall pay all registration fees.
3. Respondent shall provide the Director, Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Riverview Center, 150 Broadway, Suite 355, Albany, NY 12204 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; and all investigations, arrests, charges, convictions or disciplinary actions by any local, state or federal agency, institution or facility. Respondent shall notify OPMC, in writing, within 30 days of any additions to or changes in the required information.
4. Respondent shall cooperate fully with, and respond in a timely manner to, OPMC requests to provide written periodic verification of Respondent's compliance with the terms of this Consent Order. Upon the Director of OPMC's request, Respondent shall meet in person with the Director's designee.
5. Respondent's failure to pay any monetary penalty by the prescribed date shall subject Respondent to all provisions of law relating to debt collection by New York State, including but not limited to: the imposition of interest, late payment charges and collection fees; referral to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance for collection; and non-renewal of permits or licenses [Tax Law § 171(27); State Finance Law § 18; CPLR § 5001; Executive Law § 32].
6. The probation period shall toll when Respondent is not engaged in active medical practice in New York State for a period of 30 consecutive days or more. Respondent shall notify the Director of OPMC, in writing, if Respondent is not currently engaged in, or intends to leave, active medical practice in New York State for a consecutive 30 day period. Respondent shall then notify the Director again at least 90 days before returning to active practice. Upon Respondent's return to active practice in New York State, the probation period shall resume and Respondent shall fulfill any unfulfilled probation 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.
7. The Director of OPMC may review Respondent'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 with or periodic visits with Respondent and staff at practice locations or OPMC offices.
8. Respondent shall adhere to federal and state guidelines and professional standards of care with respect to infection control practices. Respondent shall ensure education,

training and oversight of all office personnel involved in medical care, with respect to these practices.

9. Respondent shall maintain complete and legible medical records that accurately reflect the evaluation and treatment of patients and contain all information required by State rules and regulations concerning controlled substances.
10. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Consent Order, Respondent shall practice medicine only when monitored by a licensed physician, board certified in an appropriate specialty, ("practice monitor") proposed by Respondent and subject to the written approval of the Director of OPMC. Any medical practice in violation of this term shall constitute the unauthorized practice of medicine.
  - a) Respondent shall make available to the monitor any and all records or access to the practice requested by the monitor, including on-site observation. The practice monitor shall visit Respondent's medical practice at each and every location, on a random unannounced basis at least monthly and shall examine a selection (no fewer than 20) of records maintained by Respondent, including patient records, prescribing information and office records. The review will determine whether the Respondent's medical practice is conducted in accordance with the generally accepted standards of professional medical care. Any perceived deviation of accepted standards of medical care or refusal to cooperate with the monitor shall be reported within 24 hours to OPMC.
  - b) Respondent shall be solely responsible for all expenses associated with monitoring, including fees, if any, to the monitoring physician.
  - c) Respondent shall cause the practice monitor to report quarterly, in writing, to the Director of OPMC.
  - d) Respondent shall maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage with limits no less than \$2 million per occurrence and \$6 million per policy year, in accordance with Section 230(18)(b) of the Public Health Law. Proof of coverage shall be submitted to the Director of OPMC prior to Respondent's practice after the effective date of this Order.
11. Respondent shall provide the Director of OPMC with, and ensure to keep current and effective, fully executed waivers of patient confidentiality concerning any previous and prospective treatment records; these waivers shall comply with the requirements of federal confidentiality laws and regulations, including but not limited to: HIPAA, Public Law 104-191, et. seq., and the laws governing confidentiality of substance abuse records, at 42 U.S.C. §§290dd-3 and ee-3 and 42 C.F.R., Part 2.
12. Respondent shall comply with all requirements of Article 33 of the Public Health Law and of New York State Department of Health regulations, and shall meet as requested with OPMC to provide proof of compliance.
13. Respondent shall comply with this Consent Order and all its terms, and shall bear all associated compliance costs. Upon receiving evidence of noncompliance with, or a violation of, these terms, the Director of OPMC and/or the Board may initiate a violation of probation proceeding, and/or any other such proceeding authorized by law, against Respondent.