1IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
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RAKESH PRASAD, M.D.)
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FOR MODIFICATION OF PROBATION)
FOR OKLAHOMA)
MEDICAL LICENSE NO. 19543	
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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 01-04-2315

ORDER DENYING MODIFICATION OF PROBATION

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision on May 9, 2002, at the Board's office, 5104 North Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Rakesh Prasad, M.D., appeared in person, pro se, thereby waiving his right to legal counsel at the hearing.

The Board *en banc* heard testimony, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised of the premises, made the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

Findings of Fact

1. The Board *en banc* has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.

2. Dr. Prasad currently holds medical license no. 19543 under a five (5) year term of probation that commenced on September 27, 2001.

3. On May 9, 2002, Dr. Prasad requested that the terms of his probation be modified to allow him to obtain the Board ordered counseling by a psychiatrist not approved by the Board Secretary and who is not Board certified.

4. The proposed modification to Dr. Prasad's probation does not afford sufficient practice limitations or controls to assure that Dr. Prasad can practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board has jurisdiction to hear requests for modification of licenses under 59 1. Okla. Stat. §480 et seq.

2. The Board may impose practice parameters and other restrictions as necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public under 59 Okla. Stat. §480 et seq.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1 Dr. Prasad's request for modification to his terms of probation is **DENIED**.

A copy of this written order shall be sent to Dr. Prasad as soon as it is processed. 2.

day of May, 2002. Dated this June

Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., Secretary Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision

Certificate of Service

On the 6 day of May, 2002, a true and correct copy of this order was mailed, postage prepaid, to the Rakesh Prasad, M.D., 3433 N.W. 56th Street, #400, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

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