

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICINE**

**IN RE: BRUCE RIND, M.D.**  
**License No.: 0101-049010**

**CONSENT ORDER**

Now come the Virginia Board of Medicine ("Board") and Bruce Rind, M.D., and as evidenced by their signatures affixed below, enter into this Consent Order affecting the license of Dr. Rind to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

For the purposes of entry of this Consent Order, the Board adopts the following Findings of Fact in this matter:

1. Bruce Rind, M.D., holds License Number 0101-049010 to practice medicine and surgery, which expires on January 31, 2004.
2. Dr. Rind is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland and at all times relevant hereto, maintained a practice called *Center for Holistic Medicine* in Rockville, Maryland.
3. On or about January 12, 1998, Blue Cross Blue Shield of the National Capital Area submitted a complaint to the Maryland Board of Physician Quality Assurance regarding medical claims for services rendered by Dr. Rind between 1994 and 1998.
4. On November 22, 2000, the Maryland Board entered a Consent Order which included findings of unprofessional conduct in the practice of medicine; failing to meet appropriate standards as determined by peer review for the delivery of quality medical and surgical care performed in an outpatient surgical facility, office, hospital, or any other location in Maryland; willfully submitting false statements to collect fees for which services were not provided; failing to keep adequate medical records as determined by appropriate peer review; representing himself as a registered acupuncturist without having

been registered by the Board and performing acupuncture without being registered by the Board. Based on these findings, Dr. Rind was issued a reprimand and placed on probation for eighteen (18) months, subject to certain conditions.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that Dr. Rind is in violation of Section 54.1-2915(A)(6) of the Code of Virginia, (1950), as amended.

### **CONSENT**

I, Bruce Rind, M.D., by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that:

1. I have been advised specifically to seek the advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me, except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000 A et seq. of the Code of Virginia;
3. I have the following rights, among others:
  - a. the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board;
  - b. the right to representation by counsel; and
  - c. the right to cross-examine witnesses against me.
4. I waive all rights to an informal conference;
5. I admit the truth of the above Findings of Fact; and
6. I consent to the following Order affecting my license to practice medicine and surgery in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that Bruce Rind, M.D., is issued a REPRIMAND. It is further ORDERED that Dr. Rind's license shall be placed on INDEFINITE PROBATION, upon the

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following terms and conditions:

1. Dr. Rind shall comply with the terms and conditions of the Consent Order of the Maryland Board of Physician Quality Assurance entered November 22, 2000.
2. The period of probation imposed upon Dr. Rind's license by this Consent Order shall run concurrently with the probation imposed upon his license to practice medicine in Maryland.
3. Dr. Rind shall provide written verification to the Board when his license is fully reinstated in Maryland, at which time his license shall be restored to a full and unrestricted status.

Pursuant to Section 2.2-4023 of the Code, the signed original of this Consent Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD:

William L. Harp, M.D.  
 William L. Harp, M.D.  
 Executive Director  
 Virginia Board of Medicine  
7/30/02  
 ENTERED

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Bruce Rind  
 Bruce Rind, M.D.

STATE OF District of Columbia  
 COUNTY/CITY OF Washington, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned Notary Public, in and for the ~~State of~~ District of Columbia, at large, this 18 day of July, 2002, by Bruce Rind, M.D.

Debra Deisler  
 Notary Public  
 My commission expires: 11/1/05