	IN THE STAT	E OF ARIZONA								
3	In the Matter of	Roard Case No. MD 02 0012								
4	ROBERT KASA, M.D.	Board Case No. MD-02-0012								
5	Holder of License No. 27418	FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW								
6	For the Practice of Medicine In the State of Arizona.	AND ORDER								
7		(Letter of Reprimand)								
8	On April 11, 2002, Robert Kasa, M.D., ("Respondent") appeared before a Review									
9	Committee ("Review Committee") of the Arizona Board of Medical Examiners ("Board")									
10	without legal counsel for a formal interview pursuant to the authority vested in the Review									
11	Committee by A.R.S. § 32-1451(Q). The matter was referred to the Board for									
12 13	consideration at its public meeting on June 5, 2002. After due consideration of the facts									
14	and law applicable to this matter, the Board voted to issue the following findings of fact,									
15	conclusions of law and order.									
16	FINDING	S OF FACT								
17	The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of									
18	the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.									
19	2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 27418 for the practice of medicine									
20	in the State of Arizona.									
21	3. Respondent is a participant in the Board's Monitored Aftercare Program									
22	("MAP") and is required to call a telephone number each day to determine whether he is									
23	required to submit to a urine screen on that day. On April 19, 2001 because Respondent									
24	did not call the telephone number he was unaware he was required to submit to a urine									
25	screen and, as a result, did not do so.	Board Staff informed Respondent that if he								

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missed a second urine screen the matter would be referred to the Board for possible further disciplinary action.

- 4. The Board initiated case number MD-02-0012 after Respondent missed a second urine screen test on December 4, 2001.
- 5. At the formal interview Respondent testified that he missed the April urine screen because he was not at home and forgot to phone in as required to determine if he was to give a specimen on that day. Respondent testified that he missed the December urine screen because he was having a lot of problems with back pain at the time and he again simply forgot to call.
- 6. Respondent indicated that he was under treatment for his back pain and had two surgeries in the last several months, with the last on January 16, 2002. Respondent indicated that he takes Ibuprofen occasionally for pain.
 - 7. Respondent indicated that he works part-time in an office practice.
- 8. Respondent testified that the missed urine screens had nothing to do with a relapse and that he has maintained his sobriety.
- 9. Board Staff indicated that Respondent informed them when he underwent his last surgery and informed them of the prescribed medication. Board Staff informed the Review Committee that the issue to be considered was the missed urine screens.
- 10. Respondent testified that he goes to support meetings daily before work. Respondent also indicated that he intends to volunteer to take support meetings into hospitals and jails. Respondent assured the Review Committee that he had not relapsed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Arizona possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.

2. The Board has received substantial evidence supporting the Findings of Fact described above and said findings constitute unprofessional conduct or other grounds for the Board to take disciplinary action.

3. The conduct and circumstances above in paragraphs 3 and 4 constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(25)(r) "[v]iolating a formal order, probation or consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under the provisions of this chapter."

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent is issued a Letter of Reprimand for violating a Board order.

RIGHT TO PETITION FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW

Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to petition for a rehearing or review. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, as amended, the petition for rehearing or review must be filed with the Board's Executive Director within thirty days after service of this Order and pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-102, it must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting a rehearing or review. Service of this order is effective five days after date of mailing. If a motion for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five days after it is mailed to Respondent.

	Respondent	is further	notified	that the	filing	of a	a motion	for	rehearing	or	review	is
require	ed to preserv	e any righ	ts of app	eal to t	ne Sup	perio	or Court.					

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8	ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this day of, 2002 with:	
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12	mailed by U.S. Certified Mail this day of, 2002, to:	
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