

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

2 IN THE STATE OF ARIZONA

3 In the Matter of

4 **ROBERT KASA, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 27418
6 For the Practice of Medicine
7 In the State of Arizona.

Board Case No. MD-02-0012

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER**

(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 consideration at its public meeting on June 5, 2002. After due consideration of the facts
13 and law applicable to this matter, the Board voted to issue the following findings of fact,
14 conclusions of law and order.
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16 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

17 1. 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

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

3 4. The Board initiated case number MD-02-0012 after Respondent missed a
4 second urine screen test on December 4, 2001.

5 5. At the formal interview Respondent testified that he missed the April urine
6 screen because he was not at home and forgot to phone in as required to determine if he
7 was to give a specimen on that day. Respondent testified that he missed the December
8 urine screen because he was having a lot of problems with back pain at the time and he
9 again simply forgot to call.

10 6. Respondent indicated that he was under treatment for his back pain and
11 had two surgeries in the last several months, with the last on January 16, 2002.
12 Respondent indicated that he takes Ibuprofen occasionally for pain.

13 7. Respondent indicated that he works part-time in an office practice.

14 8. Respondent testified that the missed urine screens had nothing to do with a
15 relapse and that he has maintained his sobriety.

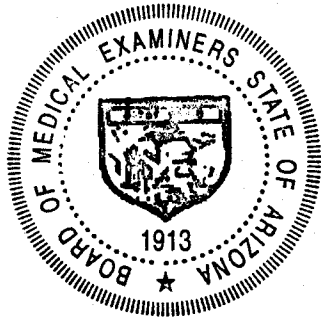
16 9. Board Staff indicated that Respondent informed them when he underwent
17 his last surgery and informed them of the prescribed medication. Board Staff informed
18 the Review Committee that the issue to be considered was the missed urine screens.

19 10. Respondent testified that he goes to support meetings daily before work.
20 Respondent also indicated that he intends to volunteer to take support meetings into
21 hospitals and jails. Respondent assured the Review Committee that he had not
22 relapsed.

23 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

1 DATED this 5th day of June, 2002.



2 BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
3 OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA

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5 By Claudia Foutz
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