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December 29,2016

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Rehman T. Mirza, DC 4509 Mosser Mill Court Woodbridge, VA 22192

Re:

Notice of Suspension

Dear Dr. Mirza,

On October 24, 2016, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Therapy Examiners (B̈oard") notified you that the Howard Office of Child Supporl Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept. of Human Resources ("Administration") directed the Board to suspend your license to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland for delinquent child support, pursuant to Maryland Family Law Code Ann. \$10-119.3 (2006 Repl. Vol. and 2009 Supp.). With that notification, you were advised that the enclosed unexecuted Order of Suspension would be executed unless you notified the Board in writing that you wish to contest the proposed suspension on the sole basis of mistaken identity within 30 days of the date of the notice.

As of the date of this letter, the Board has not received any such contest as to the suspension of your license, nor has the Board been informed by the Administration that the child support delinquencies have been resolved. Accordingly, the enclosed Order of Suspension was executed on December 29, 2016. Your chiropractic license is hereby SUSPENDED.

Maryland law requires that your license remain suspended unless and until the Board receives notification from the Administration that your license should be reinstated, pursuant to Fam. Law. \$10-119.3(k). For questions on resolving your child support delinquency, call the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the MD Dept. of Human Resources at 1-800-332-6347.

Very truly yours,

Kimberly B. Link

Compliance Manager

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE

REHMAN T. MIRZA * BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC

Respondent * EXAMINERS

License No.: 502057 * Case Number: 16-13G

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF LICENSE FOR DELINQUENT CHILD SUPPORT

BACKGROUND

On or about October 11, 2016, the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic

Examiners (the "Board") received a written request from the Howard County Child

Department of Social Services ("DSS') to suspend the license of Rehman T. Mirza, D.C.

(the "Respondent"), License Number: S02057, for delinquent child support, by authority of the Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law Art., S10-119.3 (2014), which provides in part:

- (eX2) Except as provided in paragraph 3 of this subsection, upon Notification by the administration under this section, a licensing authority shall: (i) suspend an individual's license; or (ii) deny the license of an individual who is an applicant for a license from the licensing authority...
- (h) Right to contest Identity (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, prior to the suspension or denial of a license under subsection (e) of this section, a licensing authority shall sent written notice of the proposed action to the individual whose license is subject to suspension or denial, including notice of an individual's right to contest the identity of the individual whose license or application is to be suspended or denied.
- (i) Appeal; hearing (1) (i) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may appeal a decrsron of a licensing authority to suspend or deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.
- (k)Reinstatement of License Duty of licensing authority A licensing authority shall immediately reinstate any license suspended, or process an application for any license denied, under this section if:
 - (1) notified by the Administration that the licensee should be reinstated; and

(2) the individual otherryise qualifies for the license.

On October 24, 2016, the Board sent an unexecuted copy of this Order to Respondent's attorney of record, Marc K. Cohen, Esquire by certified and regular mail. Accompanying the unexecuted Order was a cover letter giving Respondent written notice of the right to contest his identity in writing within thirty (30) days of the date of the letter. In addition, the letter advised Respondent that if he did not submit a written contest of mistaken identity on or before the deadline date, the Board would execute this Order. The Respondent failed to submit a written contest letter of mistaken identity by November 28,2016.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. The Board issued a chiropractic license to Respondent on. Said license is active and set to expire on October 31, 2016.
- 2. On or about October 11,2016, the Board received a written request from the Howard County Department of Social Services ("DSS'), requesting the Board to suspend/deny the license of Respondent for delinquent child support pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law Art. S10-119.3.
- 3. Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law Art. SS10-119.3(e)(2) & (hX1) require that the Board suspend the license of Respondent upon sending the Respondent written notice of the proposed suspension and of his right to centest his identity.
- 4. On October 24, 2016, the oard sent Respondent an unexecuted copy of the Order of Suspension to Respondent's attorney of record, Marc K. Cohen, Esquire. Included with the Order were specific instructions on contesting identity by submitting a written letter of contest to the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board letter. The Board letter also specifically advised Respondent that the suspension would commence should a letter of contest not be received by the deadline date.
- 5. Respondent did not submit a written contest letter by said deadline date.

6. Having given Respondent the statutory required notice of intent to suspend his license and the right to contest based on identity, and having not received a written contest of identity, the Board is Statutorily required to suspend the Respondent's license pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law \$10-119.3(e)(2).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board concludes that, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law S10-1 19.(eX2Xi), it is statutorily required to suspend Respondent's license.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions of law, this &- day of

/)ZZZI- bo, 22016, by the Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the license of Respondent, Rehman T. Mirza, D.C., License Number 502057 is hereby SUSPENDED; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent's license shall remain suspended until the Board receives notification from the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Maryland Department of Human Resources that Respondent's license should be reinstated; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Order of the Board, and as such, is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT and is reportable to any entity to which the Board is obligated by law to report, and is otherr'uise disclosable under the Maryland Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. \$ 4-101 ef seq. (2014).

Laurie Sheffield-James Executive Director

For the Board

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

Respondent has a right to appeal this Final Order pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Fam. Law S10-1 19.3(i), which provides:

- (i) Appeal; hearing (1Xi) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, an individual may appeal a decision of a licensing authority to suspend or to deny the individual's license in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 2 of the State Government Article.
- (ii) At a hearing under this paragraph, the issue shall be limited to whether the Administration has mistaken the identity of the individual whose license has been suspended or denied.