BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF IOWA

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IN THE MATTER OF STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST

DOUGLAS J. RAMOS, M.D., RESPONDENT

FILE No. 02-00-1008

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES,

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND FINAL ORDER
(Combined)

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COMES NOW the Iowa Board of Medical Examiners (the Board), and Douglas J. Ramos, M.D., (Respondent), on October 7, 2004, and pursuant to Iowa Code sections 17A.10(2) and 272C.3(4), file this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order.

STATEMENT OF CHARGES

1. Respondent was issued license number 23062 to practice medicine and surgery in Iowa on July 2, 1982.

2. Respondent's Iowa medical license is currently active and will next expire on October 1, 2005.

3. The Board has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 147, 148 and 272C.

COUNT I

4. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 148.6(2)(d) (2003) with being disciplined by the medical licensing authority of another state.

COUNT II

5. Respondent is charged under Iowa Code section 147.55(3) (2003) and 653 IAC sections 12.4(3) and 12.4(36) with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

CIRCUMSTANCES

6. On October 23, 2000, Respondent came in physical contact with another physician at the hospital where both physicians worked.

7. On January 16, 2001, Respondent pleaded no contest to the charge of Disturbing the Peace in Douglas County Criminal Court, Omaha, Nebraska and he was ordered to pay a $75.00 fine and the cost of prosecution.

8. On September 3, 2002, the Nebraska Medical Board filed disciplinary charges against Respondent alleging that he engaged in unprofessional conduct when he initiated inappropriate physical contact with the other physician. On August 26, 2002, Respondent entered into an Agreed Settlement with the Nebraska Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Respondent was censured for engaging in unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Nebraska.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

9. Respondent is hereby **CITED** for engaging in unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine and for being disciplined by the Nebraska Medical Board. Respondent is hereby **WARNED** that engaging in such conduct in the future may result in further disciplinary action, including suspension or revocation of your Iowa medical license.

10. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, and all rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa.

11. In the event Respondent violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or conditions of this Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, the Board may initiate action to suspend or revoke Respondent's Iowa medical license or to impose other license discipline as authorized in Iowa Code Chapters 148 and 272 and 653 IAC 12.2.

12. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order constitutes the resolution of a contested case proceeding.

13. This combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is voluntarily submitted by Respondent to the Board for consideration.

14. By entering into this combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order, Respondent voluntarily waives any rights to a contested case hearing on the allegations contained in the Statement of Charges and waives any objections to the terms of this Settlement Agreement.

15. This Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement and Final Order is subject to approval by the Board. If the Board fails to approve this Settlement Agreement and Final Order, it shall be of no force or effect to either party.

16. The Board's approval of this Settlement Agreement and Final Order shall constitute a **Final Order** of the Board.

Douglas J. Ramos, M.D., Respondent

Subscribed and sworn to before me on Sept. 29, 2004.

Notary Public, State of Nebraska

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
KAREN L. BARD
My Comm. Exp. July 22, 2007

KAREN L. BARD, Notary Public

This Settlement Agreement and Final Order is approved by the Board on October 7, 2004.

Bruce L. Hughes, M.D., Chair
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