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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF

ALAN E. REED, M.D.,

Applicant

ORDER RENEWING THE LIMITED LICENSE

On February 6, 1990, the Medical Examining Board issued its Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, Dr. Reed's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was reinstated with limitations. Among these were that Dr. Reed's entire practice be under the supervision of Basil Jackson, M.D., Ph.D.; that Dr. Reed enroll in the impaired professional program at either Elmbrook Memorial Hospital or at Mt. Sinai Medical Center; and that Dr. Reed participate in psychotherapy if recommended by his addictionologist. The term of the license was for one year.

Dr. Reed appeared before the board at its meeting of January 23, 1991, in support of his application for renewal of his license, and to request that the limitations on his license be dropped. Also appearing was Bruce F. Ehlke, attorney for Dr. Reed. The board deliberated on the matter that day.

Based upon applicant's request, and upon all other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the limited license of Alan E. Reed to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin is hereby renewed for a period of two years. Dr. Reed shall make a personal appearance before the board at the end of one year, and shall appear before the board at the time of expiration of the license in support of any petition for renewal of the license.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions of the limited

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license established by the board's Order Granting the Limited License dated February 6, 1990, shall remain in full force and effect.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Reed requested that the limitations on his license be dropped based upon difficulties encountered by him in attempting to gain privileges at St. Francis Hospital in Milwaukee. Failure to gain privileges at St. Francis, in turn, may present difficulties in terms of his continuing association with his practice supervisor, Dr. Basil Jackson.

The limitations on Dr. Reed's license were created to attempt to ensure and to facilitate his continuing rehabilitation. The board recognizes that imposition of limitations on a physician's practice may well be burdensome in terms his or her employability. But that fact is not in itself a basis for terminating those restrictions, especially where, as here, there is apparently not even any assurance that restoration of an unrestricted license would result in privileges being granted by St. Francis, or that failure of the hospital to grant privileges will result in termination of his association with Dr. Jackson.

The board is always ready to consider a request by Dr. Reed to modify the terms of his limited license where the requested modification is appropriate in terms of his ongoing rehabilitation. If such modification enhances his practice situation, that will certainly be a factor to be considered by the board; but it will never be the primary factor.

Dated this 12 day of February, 1991.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by Michael P. Mehr
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Secretary

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