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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF

ROBERT C. BARKUS, P.A.,

Applicant

ORDER RENEWING THE LIMITED CERTIFICATE

On March 5, 1991, the Medical Examining Board issued its Order Granting the Limited Certificate in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's order, applicant was granted a limited certificate to practice as a physician's assistant in the State of Wisconsin subject to certain conditions and limitations. Among these were that applicant participate in a recognized program for the treatment of chemical dependency, and that he participate in random witnessed monitoring of his blood or urine at least once each week.

By letter dated February 11, 1992, applicant requested that his certificate be renewed and requested as well that the limitations on the certificate be dropped. By its Order dated April 2, 1992, the board denied the motion that all limitations be dropped, but reduced the number of required urine screens to one per month.

Pursuant to the board's April 2, 1992, Order, applicant appeared before the board on March 20, 1993. At that time, applicant again requested that all limitations on his license be dropped. The board considered the request on that date.

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 certificate of Robert C. Barkus is renewed for a period of one year. Applicant shall appear before the board at its March, 1994, meeting in support of any petition to renew the certificate.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all other terms and conditions of the board's March 5, 1991, Order, as modified by the board's April 2, 1992, Order, shall remain in full force and effect.

DISCUSSION

In matters similar to this one, The board has historically required five years of uninterrupted recovery with gradual easing of limitations prior to granting a full unrestricted license. Accordingly, while the board congratulates Mr. Barkus on two years of full compliance with the board's 1991 Order, it considers it premature to drop all limitations at this time.

Dated this 12 day of April, 1993

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by



Clark O. Olsen, M.D.

Secretary