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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF	:	LS9706251 MED
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
DION PATRICK FLYNN, D.P.M.	:	BASED UPON
RESPONDENT.	:	SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE
		94 MED 377

The parties to this action for the purposes of § 227.53, Wis. Stats., are:

Dion Patrick Flynn
W172 N4954 Green View Court
Menomonee Falls, WI 53051

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935

Department of Regulation and Licensing
Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
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An informal settlement conference was held in the above entitled action on March 19, 1997. Participating in the conference were Dion Patrick Flynn in person and by his attorney, Daniel P. Fay, Attorney James W. Harris for the Division of Enforcement, Dr. James Esswein, M.D. and Dr. Darrold Treffert, M.D. on behalf of the Medical Examining Board, and Lisa Reinicke, D.P.M. on behalf of the Podiatrist Examining Council. The presiding officer was Mr. Wayne Austin. The parties presented their respective positions and deliberation concerning a possible disposition of the matter followed. The following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order were proposed. The parties in this matter stipulate and agree to the terms and conditions of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order as the final decision in this action, subject to the approval of the Board.

Dion Patrick Flynn

Dion Patrick Flynn, D.P.M.

Date 5-16-97

Daniel P. Fay
Daniel P. Fay, Attorney

Date 6-6-97

James W. Harris
James W. Harris, Attorney

Date 6/11/97

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The Board has reviewed the stipulation of the parties and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the stipulation of the parties and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Dion Patrick Flynn (dob: 7/20/58) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a podiatrist licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license # 025 0000521, first granted on June 29, 1984.
2. Respondent did, on occasions between October, 1993, and July, 1994, obtain the drug, Vicodin ES, for his personal use by issuing false prescription orders.
3. On March 17, 1995, Respondent was convicted in the Waukesha County Circuit Court of a violation of Wis. Stats. sec. 450.11(7)(a), obtaining a prescription drug by fraud.
4. Respondent was admitted to the Milwaukee Psychiatric Hospital for opiate detoxification in July, 1994, and was diagnosed with opiate dependence. Following his discharge Respondent has continuously participated in an intensive outpatient treatment program

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to §448.02(3), Wis. Stats. and is authorized to enter into the stipulation of the parties pursuant to §227.44(5), Wis. Stats and RL 2.036 Wis. Adm. Code.
6. The conduct described in paragraph 2, 3 and 4, above, violated § Med 10.02(2)(p) and (r), Wis. Adm. Code. Such conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of the Code and statutes.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective on the date of this Order, the license of Respondent to practice as a podiatrist is **SUSPENDED** for a period of not less than five (5) years. The suspension is **STAYED** for a period of three months, conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations outlined below.

- a. Respondent may apply for consecutive three (3) month extensions of the stay of suspension, which shall be granted upon acceptable demonstration of compliance with the conditions and limitations imposed on the respondent for rehabilitation and practice during the prior three (3) month period. "Three months" means until the third regular Board meeting after the meeting at which any stay of suspension is granted.

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b. The Board may without hearing deny an application for extension of the stay, or commence other appropriate action, upon receipt of information that respondent has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Order. If the Board denies the petition by the respondent for an extension, the Board shall afford an opportunity for hearing in accordance with the procedures set forth in ch. RL 1, Wis. Adm. Code upon timely receipt of a request for hearing.

c. Upon a showing by respondent of successful compliance for a period of five years of active practice with the terms of this order and upon a showing that respondent has made satisfactory restitution for any losses caused by the conduct described above and compliance with all other terms of this Order, the Board may grant a petition by the Respondent for return of full licensure. (See ¶25, below.)

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that the license to practice podiatry of respondent is LIMITED as set forth in §448.02(3)(e), Wis. Stats., and as follows:

1. Respondent shall not engage in the practice of podiatry in any capacity unless in full compliance with the rehabilitation and treatment programs specified and approved under this Order. Respondent shall forthwith surrender all indicia of registration to the Department by mail or in person, and the Department shall then issue limited registration credentials to respondent. Respondent shall also surrender all indicia of registration to any agent of the Department who requests them.

REHABILITATION, MONITORING AND TREATMENT

Treatment Required

2. Respondent shall continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board as respondent's Supervising Health Care Provider shall determine to be appropriate for respondent's rehabilitation. Respondent shall commence involvement in the drug and alcohol rehabilitation program within 5 days of the date of the Final Decision and Order of the Board. Professional Recovery Network and its affiliated programs are acceptable treatment facilities.

Therapy. The rehabilitation program shall include and respondent shall participate in individual and/or group therapy sessions for the first year of the stayed suspension upon a schedule as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than once monthly. Such therapy shall be conducted by the supervising physician or therapist, or another qualified physician or therapist as designated by the supervising physician or therapist and acceptable to the Board. After the first year of stayed suspension, this requirement for therapy sessions may be modified only upon written petition, and a written recommendation by the supervising physician or therapist expressly supporting the modifications sought. A denial of such petition for modification shall not be deemed a denial of the license under §§ 227.01(3) or 227.42, Wis. Stats., or ch. RL 1, Wis. Adm. Code, and shall not be subject to any right to further hearing or appeal.

AA/NA Meetings. Respondent shall attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholic Anonymous meetings or an equivalent program for recovering professionals, upon a frequency as recommended by the supervising physician or therapist, but not less than one meeting per week. Attendance of Respondent at such meetings shall be verified and reported monthly to the supervising physician or therapist.

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Supervising Health Care Provider

3. Respondent shall obtain a Supervising Health Care provider acceptable to the Board for the full term of this limited license. Charles J. Engel M.D., a physician affiliated with Professional Recovery Network is acceptable to the Board as Supervising Health Care Provider. The Supervising Health Care Provider shall be responsible for coordinating Respondent's rehabilitation, drug monitoring and treatment program as required under the terms of this Order. The Supervising Health Care Provider may designate another qualified health care provider acceptable to the Board to exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Supervising Health Care Provider in his or her absence. In the event that a supervising Health Care Provider is unable or unwilling to serve as Supervising Health Care Provider, the Board shall in its sole discretion select a successor Supervising Health Care Provider.

Sobriety

4. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Sec. 161.01(4), Stats. except when necessitated by a legitimate medical condition and then only with the prior approval of the Supervising Health Care Provider.
5. Respondent shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol.
6. Respondent shall in addition refrain from the consumption of over-the-counter medications or other substances which may mask consumption of controlled substances or of alcohol, or which may create false positive screening results, or which may interfere with respondent's treatment and rehabilitation. Respondent shall report all medications and drugs, over-the-counter or prescription, taken by respondent to the Supervising Health Care Provider within 24 hours of ingestion or administration, and shall identify the person or persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered said medications or drugs. Within 24 hours of a request by the Supervising Health Care Provider or the Board or its designee, Respondent shall provide releases which comply with state and federal laws authorizing release of all health care records by the person who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered this medication for respondent. These releases shall also authorize the Supervising Health Care Provider, the Board or its designee to discuss the Respondent's health care with the person who prescribed, dispensed, administered or ordered this medication. The terms of this paragraph shall not be deemed to modify or negate Respondent's obligations as set forth in this Order.

Department Monitor

7. The Department Monitor is the individual designated by the Board as its agent to coordinate compliance with the terms of this Order, including receiving and coordinating all reports and petitions, and requesting additional monitoring and surveillance. The Department Monitor may be reached as follows:

Department Monitor
Department of Regulation Division of Enforcement
P.O. Box 8935
Madison, WI 53708-8935
FAX (608) 266-2264
TEL. (608) 267-7139

Releases

8. Respondent shall provide and keep on file with the Supervising Health Care Provider, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collections sites current releases which

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comply with state and federal laws authorizing release of all urine, blood and hair specimen screen results and medical and treatment records and reports to, and permitting the Supervising Health Care Provider and all treating physicians and therapists to disclose and discuss the progress of respondent's treatment and rehabilitation with the Board or any member thereof, or with any employee of the Department of Regulation and Licensing acting under the authority of the Board. Copies of these releases shall be filed simultaneously with the Department Monitor.

Drug and Alcohol Screens

9. Respondent shall supply on at least a once-weekly basis, random monitored urine, blood or hair specimens as the Supervising Health Care Provider shall direct. The Supervising Health Care Provider (or designee) shall request the specimens from Respondent and these requests shall be random with respect to the hour of the day and the day of the week. In addition, the Board or its designee may at any time request a random monitored urine, blood or hair specimen from Respondent by directing the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement to contact Respondent and request Respondent provide a specimen. To prevent the respondent's ability to predict that no further screens will be required for a given period (because the minimum frequency for that period has been met), the program of monitoring shall require respondent to provide in each quarter at least two (2) random screenings in excess of the minimums specified in this Order.
10. Respondent shall keep the Supervising Health Care Provider informed of Respondent's location and shall be available for contact by the Supervising Health Care Provider at all times.
11. All requested urine, blood or hair specimens shall be provided by Respondent within five (5) hours of the request for the specimen. All urine specimen collections shall be a split sample accomplished by dividing urine from a single void into two specimen bottles. The total volume of the split sample shall be at least 45 ml. of urine. All split sample urine specimens, blood specimens and hair specimens shall be collected, monitored and chain of custody maintained in conformity with the collection, monitoring and chain of custody procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 40. Urine specimen collections shall be by direct observation if:
 - a. The Respondent must provide an additional specimen because Respondent's initial specimen was outside of the normal temperature range (32.5 - 37.7°C/90.5 - 99.8°F) and respondent refuses to have an oral body temperature measurement or respondent does provide an oral body temperature measurement and the reading varies by more than 1°C/1.8°F from the temperature of the urine specimen;
 - b. Respondent's last provided specimen was determined by the laboratory to have a specific gravity of less than 1.003 and creatinine concentration below 0.2 g/l;
 - c. The collection site person observes Respondent acting in such a manner to provide reason to believe that Respondent may have attempted or may attempt to substitute or adulterate the specimen. The collection site person, if he or she believes that the initial urine specimen may have been adulterated or a substitution made, shall direct Respondent to provide an additional observed urine specimen;
 - d. The last provided specimen resulted in a positive or suspected positive test result for the presence of controlled substances; or

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- e. The Board (or any member of the Board), the Department Monitor, or Respondent's Supervising Health Care Provider directs that the urine specimen collection be by direct observation.

If either of the above conditions (a) or (c) requires collection of an additional observed urine specimen, the collection of the subsequent specimen shall be accomplished within the required five (5) hours of the request for the initial specimen; the collection of the initial specimen shall not satisfy the requirement that the urine specimen be collected within five (5) hours of the request for the initial specimen.

- 12. The drug and alcohol treatment program in which Respondent is enrolled shall at all times utilize a United States Department of Health and Human Services certified laboratory for the analysis of all specimens collected from Respondent.
- 13. The drug and alcohol treatment program in which Respondent is enrolled shall utilize only those urine, blood and hair specimen collection sites for collection of Respondent's urine, blood or hair specimens as comply with the United States Department of Transportation collection and chain of custody procedures set forth in 49 CFR Part 40.
- 14. The Supervising Health Care Provider, treatment facility, laboratory and collection site shall maintain a complete and fully documented chain of custody for each urine, blood or hair specimen collected from Respondent.
- 15. Every urine specimen collected from Respondent shall be analyzed at the time of collection for tampering by measurement of the temperature of the specimen and the oral temperature of Respondent. Every urine specimen collected from Respondent shall be further analyzed at the laboratory for tampering by measuring the creatinine concentration and the specific gravity of the specimen. The laboratory may at its discretion or at the direction of a Supervising Health Care Provider or the Board or any member thereof conduct additional tests to evaluate the urine specimen for tampering including, but not limited to, pH, color and odor.
- 16. Every urine, blood or hair specimen collected from Respondent shall be analyzed for alcohol, amphetamine, cocaine, opiates, phencyclidine, marijuana, methadone, propoxyphene, methaqualone, barbiturates, benzodiazepines or the metabolites thereof. The Board or its designated agent may at any time direct that screens for additional substances and their metabolites be conducted by scientific methods and instruments appropriate to detect the presence of these substances. The laboratory shall conduct confirmatory tests of positive or suspected positive test results by appropriate scientific methods and instruments including, but not limited to, gas chromatography and mass spectrometry.
- 17. All urine, blood or hair specimens remaining after testing shall be maintained in a manner necessary to preserve the integrity of the specimens for at least seven (7) days; and all positive or suspected positive urine, blood or hair specimens remaining after testing shall be so maintained for a period of at least one (1) year. The Supervising Health Care Provider or the Board or any member thereof may direct that the urine, blood or hair specimens be maintained for a longer period of time.
- 18. For the purpose of further actions affecting Respondent's license under this Order, it shall be presumed that all confirmed positive reports are valid. Respondent shall have the burden of proof to establish that the positive report was erroneous and that the respondent's specimen sample did not contain alcohol or controlled substances or their metabolites.

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19. If any urine, blood or hair specimen is positive or suspected positive for any controlled substances or alcohol, Respondent shall promptly submit to additional tests or examinations as the Supervising Health Care Provider shall determine to be appropriate to clarify or confirm the positive or suspected positive urine, blood or hair specimen test results.

Required Reporting by Supervising Health Care Provider, and laboratories

20. The Supervising Health Care Provider shall report immediately to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement by FAX or telephonic communication: any failure of Respondent to provide a urine, blood or hair specimen within five (5) hours from the time it was requested; or of any inability to locate Respondent to request a specimen. The laboratory shall immediately report all urine specimens suspected to have been tampered with and all urine, blood or hair specimens which are positive or suspected positive for controlled substances or alcohol to the Department Monitor, and to the Supervising Health Care Provider.
21. The laboratory shall within 48 hours of completion of each drug or alcohol analysis mail the report from all specimens requested of Respondent under this Order to the Department Monitor (regardless of whether the laboratory analysis of the specimen was positive or negative for controlled substances, their metabolites or alcohol). Each report shall state the date and time the specimen was requested; the date and time the specimen was collected; the results of the tests performed to detect tampering; and the results of the laboratory analysis for the presence of controlled substances and alcohol.
22. The Supervising Health Care Provider shall submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935 on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Respondent's progress in the drug and alcohol treatment program and summarize the results of the urine, blood or hair specimen analyses. The Supervising Health Care Provider shall report immediately to the Department Monitor [Division of Enforcement, P.O. Box 8935, Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8935, FAX (608)266-2264, telephone no. (608)267-7139] any violation or suspected violation of the Board's Final Decision and Order.

Required reporting by Respondent

23. Respondent is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Final Decision and Order. It is the responsibility of Respondent to promptly notify the Department Monitor, of any suspected violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order, including any failures of the Supervising Health Care Provider, treatment facility, laboratory or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order.

Facility approval

24. If the Board determines that the Supervising Health Care Provider, treatment facility, laboratory or collection sites have failed to satisfy the terms and conditions of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may, at its sole discretion, direct that Respondent continue treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of another Supervising Health Care Provider, treatment facility, laboratory or collection site which will conform to the terms and conditions of this Final Decision and Order.

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PETITIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF TERMS

25. Respondent shall appear before the Board or the Podiatry Examining Council, as designated, at least annually to review the progress of treatment and rehabilitation. Respondent may petition the Board for modification of the terms of this limited license and the Board shall consider Respondent's petition at the time it meets with Respondent to review the progress of rehabilitation. Any such petition shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from respondent's Supervising Health Care Provider expressly supporting the specific modifications sought. Denial of the petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Sec. 227.01(3)(a), Stats. and Respondent shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on any denial in whole or in part of the petition for modification of the limited license.

After five years of continuous active professional practice under this Order and without relapse, upon satisfactory restitution of any losses caused by respondent's conduct which led to this Order, and upon recommendation of the Supervising Health Care Provider and Professional Mentor, respondent may petition the Board for a termination of all limitations on the license, and restoration of an unlimited license. Such restoration shall be in the sole discretion of the Board, and denial of the petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Sec. 227.01(3)(a), Stats. and Respondent shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on any denial in whole or in part of the petition for termination of the limitations and restoration of unlimited licensure.

EXPENSES OF TREATMENT AND MONITORING

26. Respondent shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, supervision and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order.

PRACTICE LIMITATIONS

Controlled substance orders

27. Respondent shall not prescribe, dispense, administer or order any Schedule II controlled substances, except Respondent may prescribe or order Schedule II controlled substances as necessary for the immediate post-operative surgical care of hospital and clinic patients. A copy of any such prescription or order shall be forwarded by Respondent to the Department Monitor within one (1) day of its issuance.

Change in Address or Work Status

28. Respondent shall report to the Board any change of employment status, residence, address or telephone number within five (5) days of the date of a change.
29. Respondent shall furnish a copy of this Order to all present employers immediately upon issuance of this Order, and to any prospective employer when respondent applies for employment as a health care provider.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that respondent shall pay the costs of investigating and prosecuting this matter in the amount of \$500.00, within 30 days of this order.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to §448.02(4), Wis. Stats., if the Board determines that there is probable cause to believe that respondent has violated any term of this Final Decision and Order, the Board may order that the license and registration of respondent be summarily suspended pending investigation of the alleged violation.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1997.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:

Alan Sobey M.D.

a member of the Board

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GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT OF COSTS AND/OR FORFEITURES

On June 25, 1997, the Medical Examining Board
took disciplinary action against your license. Part of the discipline was an assessment of costs and/or a
forfeiture.

The amount of the costs assessed is: \$500.00 Case #: LS9706251MED

The amount of the forfeiture is: _____ Case # _____

Please submit a check or a money order in the amount of \$ 500.00

The costs and/or forfeitures are due: July 25, 1997

NAME: Dion Patrick Flynn, D.P.M. LICENSE NUMBER: 521

STREET ADDRESS: W172 M4954 Green View Court

CITY: Menomonee Falls STATE: WI ZIP CODE: 53051

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Check whether the payment is for an individual license or an establishment license:

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF REGULATION AND LICENSING
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceedings Against

Dion Patrick Flynn, D.P.M.,

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Respondent.

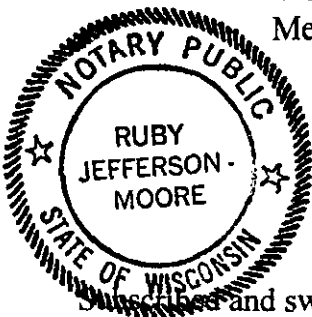
STATE OF WISCONSIN)
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COUNTY OF DANE)

I, Kate Rotenberg, having been duly sworn on oath, state the following to be true and correct based on my personal knowledge:

1. I am employed by the Wisconsin Department of Regulation and Licensing.
2. On June 26, 1997, I served the Final Decision and Order Based Upon Settlement Conference dated June 25, 1997, (and Guidelines for Payment of Costs and/or Forfeitures to Flynn), LS9706251MED, upon the Respondent Dion Patrick Flynn, D.P.M. and his attorney by enclosing a true and accurate copy of the above-described document in an envelope properly stamped and addressed to the above-named Respondent and his attorney and placing the envelope in the State of Wisconsin mail system to be mailed by the United States Post Office by certified mail. The certified mail receipt number on the Respondent's envelope is P 221 157 289 and the certified mail receipt number on his attorney's envelope is P 221 157 294.
3. The address used for mailing the Decision is the address that appears in the records of the Department as the Respondent's last-known address:

Dion Patrick Flynn, D.P.M.
W172 N4954 Green View Court
Menomonee Falls WI 53051

Daniel P. Fay, Attorney
Court Comm
P.O. Box 63
Pewaukee WI 53072



Kate Rotenberg

Kate Rotenberg
Department of Regulation and Licensing
Office of Legal Counsel

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 26th day of June, 1997.

Ruby Jefferson-Moore

Notary Public, State of Wisconsin
My commission is permanent.

NOTICE OF APPEAL INFORMATION

Notice Of Rights For Rehearing Or Judicial Review. The Times Allowed For Each. And The Identification Of The Party To Be Named As Respondent.

Serve Petition for Rehearing or Judicial Review on:

STATE OF WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

1400 East Washington Avenue

P.O. Box 8935

Madison, WI 53708.

The Date of Mailing this Decision is:

June 26, 1997

1. REHEARING

Any person aggrieved by this order may file a written petition for rehearing within 20 days after service of this order, as provided in sec. 227.49 of the *Wisconsin Statutes*, a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. The 20 day period commences the day of personal service or mailing of this decision. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

A petition for rehearing should name as respondent and be filed with the party identified in the box above.

A petition for rehearing is not a prerequisite for appeal or review.

2. JUDICIAL REVIEW.

Any person aggrieved by this decision may petition for judicial review as specified in sec. 227.53, *Wisconsin Statutes* a copy of which is reprinted on side two of this sheet. By law, a petition for review must be filed in circuit court and should name as the respondent the party listed in the box above. A copy of the petition for judicial review should be served upon the party listed in the box above.

A petition must be filed within 30 days after service of this decision if there is no petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of a petition for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any petition for rehearing.

The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency, or the day after the final disposition by operation of the law of any petition for rehearing. (The date of mailing this decision is shown above.)

SECTIONS 227.49 AND 227.53, OF THE WISCONSIN STATUTES

227.49 Petitions for rehearing in contested cases. (1) A petition for rehearing shall not be a prerequisite for appeal or review. Any person aggrieved by a final order may, within 20 days after service of the order, file a written petition for rehearing which shall specify in detail the grounds for the relief sought and supporting authorities. An agency may order a rehearing on its own motion within 20 days after service of a final order. This subsection does not apply to s. 17.025 (3) (e). No agency is required to conduct more than one rehearing based on a petition for rehearing filed under this subsection in any contested case.

(2) The filing of a petition for rehearing shall not suspend or delay the effective date of the order, and the order shall take effect on the date fixed by the agency and shall continue in effect unless the petition is granted or until the order is superseded, modified, or set aside as provided by law.

(3) Rehearing will be granted only on the basis of:

(a) Some material error of law

(b) Some material error of fact.

(c) The discovery of new evidence sufficiently strong to reverse or modify the order, and which could not have been previously discovered by due diligence.

(4) Copies of petitions for rehearing shall be served on all parties of record. Parties may file copies to the petitioner.

(5) The agency may order a rehearing or enter an order with reference to the petition without a hearing, and shall dispose of the petition within 30 days after it is filed. If the agency does not enter an order disposing of the petition within the 30-day period, the petition shall be deemed to have been denied as of the expiration of the 30-day period.

(6) Upon granting a rehearing, the agency shall set the matter for further proceedings as soon as practicable. Proceedings upon rehearing shall conform as nearly as may be to the proceedings in an original hearing except as the agency may otherwise direct. If in the agency's judgment, after such rehearing it appears that the original decision, order or determination is in any respect unlawful or unreasonable, the agency may reverse, change, modify or suspend the same accordingly. Any decision, order or determination made after such rehearing reversing, changing, modifying or suspending the original determination shall have the same force and effect as an original decision, order or determination.

227.53 Parties and proceedings for review. (1) Except as otherwise specifically provided by law, any person aggrieved by a decision specified in s. 227.52 shall be entitled to judicial review thereof as provided in this chapter.

(a) 1. Proceedings for review shall be instituted by serving a petition therefor personally or by certified mail upon the agency or one of its officials, and filing the petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the judicial review proceedings are to be held. If the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed is the tax appeals commission, the banking review board, the consumer credit review board, the credit union review board, the savings and loan review board or the savings bank review board, the petition shall be served upon both the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed and the corresponding named respondent, as specified under par. (b) 1 to 5.

2. Unless a rehearing is requested under s. 227.49, petitions for review under this paragraph shall be served and filed within 30 days after the service of the decision of the agency upon all parties under s. 227.48. If a rehearing is requested under s. 227.49, any party desiring judicial review shall serve and file a petition for review within 30 days after service of the order finally disposing of the application for rehearing, or within 30 days after the final disposition by operation of law of any such application for rehearing. The 30-day period for serving and filing a petition under this paragraph commences on the day after personal service or mailing of the decision by the agency.

3. If the petitioner is a resident, the proceedings shall be held in the circuit court for the county where the petitioner resides, except that if the petitioner is an agency, the proceedings shall be in the circuit court for the county where the respondent resides and except as provided in ss. 77.59 (6) (b), 182.70 (8) and 182.71 (5) (g). The proceedings shall be in the circuit court for Dane county if the petitioner is a nonresident. If all parties stipulate and the court to which the parties desire to transfer the proceedings agrees, the proceedings may be held in the county designated by the parties. If 2 or more petitions for review of the same decision are filed in different counties, the circuit judge for the county in which a petition for review of the decision was first filed shall determine the venue for judicial review of the decision, and shall order transfer or consolidation where appropriate.

(b) The petition shall state the nature of the petitioner's interest, the facts showing that petitioner is a person aggrieved by the decision, and the grounds specified in s. 227.57 upon which petitioner contends that the decision should be reversed or modified. The petition may be amended, by leave of court, though the time for serving the same has expired. The petition shall be entitled in the name of the person serving it as petitioner and the name of the agency whose decision is sought to be reviewed as respondent, except that in petitions for review of decisions of the following agencies, the latter agency specified shall be the named respondent:

1. The tax appeals commission, the department of revenue.

2. The banking review board of the consumer credit review board, the commissioner of banking.

3. The credit union review board, the commissioner of credit unions.

4. The savings and loan review board, the commissioner of savings and loan, except if the petitioner is the commissioner of savings and loan, the prevailing parties before the savings and loan review board shall be the named respondents.

5. The savings bank review board, the commissioner of savings and loan, except if the petitioner is the commissioner of savings and loan, the prevailing parties before the savings bank review board shall be the named respondents.

(c) A copy of the petition shall be served personally or by certified mail or, when service is timely admitted in writing, by first class mail, not later than 30 days after the institution of the proceeding, upon each party who appeared before the agency in the proceeding in which the decision sought to be reviewed was made or upon the party's attorney of record. A court may not dismiss the proceeding for review solely because of a failure to serve a copy of the petition upon a party or the party's attorney of record unless the petitioner fails to serve a person listed as a party for purposes of review in the agency's decision under s. 227.47 or the person's attorney of record.

(d) The agency (except in the case of the tax appeals commission and the banking review board, the consumer credit review board, the credit union review board, the savings and loan review board and the savings bank review board) and all parties to the proceeding before it, shall have the right to participate in the proceedings for review. The court may permit other interested persons to intervene. Any person petitioning the court to intervene shall serve a copy of the petition on each party who appeared before the agency and any additional parties to the judicial review at least 5 days prior to the date set for hearing on the petition.

(2) Every person served with the petition for review as provided in this section and who desires to participate in the proceedings for review thereby instituted shall serve upon the petitioner, within 20 days after service of the petition upon such person, a notice of appearance clearly stating the person's position with reference to each material allegation in the petition and to the affirmance, vacation or modification of the order or decision under review. Such notice, other than by the named respondent, shall also be served on the named respondent and the attorney general, and shall be filed, together with proof of required service thereof, with the clerk of the reviewing court within 10 days after such service. Service of all subsequent papers or notices in such proceeding need be made only upon the petitioner and such other persons as have served and filed the notice as provided in this subsection or have been permitted to intervene in said proceeding, as parties thereto, by order of the reviewing court.