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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
  
DAVID L. GRODEN, M.D.,

Respondent

ORDER GRANTING STAY AND MODIFYING LIMITATIONS

On July 24, 1996, the Medical Examining Board issued its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin was suspended until he was released from prison and for an additional period of five years thereafter. The Order provided that upon his release from prison, he was permitted to apply for consecutive three month stays of the suspension, which would be granted conditioned upon his complying with specified limitations on the license during the prior three month period. Limitations included successful participation in a drug and alcohol treatment program, including individual and/or group therapy, and participation in a program of random, witnessed drug screens for alcohol and controlled substances on a twice-weekly basis.

By letter dated September 4, 1997, respondent, by Attorney Randall J. Standfort, petitioned the board for modification of paragraph "a." of the board's Order, relating to the stay of suspension of respondent's license. The petition requests that the term of the suspension be modified to seven years and that the effective date of the stay be changed from the date of his release from prison to October 1, 1997. The proposed modification would add the condition that, notwithstanding the effective date of the stay, respondent would be prohibited from the practice of medicine and surgery until he has been referred to a community corrections center or similar facility. The purpose of the requested modifications is to avoid a decision by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services to exclude respondent from participation in any federal health care program. The board considered the petition at its meeting of September 19, 1997, and granted it by its Order dated September 19, 1997.

On April 8 and August 8, 1998, the board granted Dr. Groden's requests for further stays of the suspension of his license.

Pursuant to the board's Order, Dr. Groden appeared before the board on August 26, 1998. At that time, Dr. Groden requested that the board remove from the board's July 24, 1996, Final Decision and Order the prohibition against his applying for or holding a DEA registration to prescribe and dispense controlled substances. The board considered the matter on that date, and granted the request by its Order dated September 4, 1998.

On December 16, 1998, the board considered Dr. Groden's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and granted the stay by its Order dated December 18, 1998.

On March 25, 1999, the board considered Dr. Groden's request for a further three month stay of the suspension of his license, and his additional request that required urine screens be reduced from two to one per week. Based upon those requests, and upon other information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the stay of the suspension of the license of David L. Groden, M.D., is hereby stayed for an additional period of three months.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that board's Final decision and Order in this matter dated July 24, 1996, as modified by the board's Orders dated September 19, 1997, July 9, 1998, and September 4, 1998, is hereby further modified to reduce the number of required urine screens from two per week to four per month.

Dated this 31<sup>st</sup> day of March, 1999.

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
  
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Grossman, M.D.

Secretary

