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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE APPLICATION OF

RICHARD S. HELFFRICH, M.D.

ORDER ADOPTING STIPULATION

Applicant

On January 26, 1998, Dr. Helffrich filed his application for a license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Because Dr. Helffrich indicated on his application that disciplinary action had been taken against his license in the State of Alabama, he was asked to appear for oral examination in connection with his application. Dr. Helffrich appeared before the Medical Examining Board at its meeting of August 24, 2000, and the board considered his application on that date.

The board and Dr. Helffrich thereafter entered into a Stipulation, by which the board agreed to issue, and Dr. Helffrich (applicant) agreed to accept, a limited license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of Wisconsin. Based upon that Stipulation, the board orders as follows:

ORDER

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Richard S. Helffrich, M.D., is hereby granted a limited license to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin imposing the following terms and conditions:

1. Applicant shall sit for and successfully complete the Special Purpose Examination (SPEX), administered by the Federation of State Medical Boards.
2. The term of the license shall be for three months. Applicant may apply for three month renewals of the license, and such renewals shall be granted upon satisfactory evidence of having complied with the conditions and limitations set forth herein during the preceding three month period.
3. Applicant shall continue his course of treatment and therapy with a psychiatrist and/or psychologist satisfactory to the board. Applicant shall be responsible for submission to the board of quarterly reports prepared by his treating psychiatrist or psychologist regarding applicant's course of treatment and his continuing ability to safely and competently practice medicine and surgery. Applicant's treating psychiatrist or psychologist shall agree to immediately report to the board any condition which compromises applicant's ability to safely and competently practice.
4. Prior to commencing the practice of medicine in Wisconsin, applicant shall submit to the board for its approval a practice plan. At a minimum, such a plan shall provide for a structured practice with supervision by another physician or physicians, and shall include the location and nature of applicant's intended practice, the names of the physician or physicians with whom applicant will be practicing, and the number of hours per week that he will be practicing. Applicant shall be responsible for quarterly reports from applicant's supervising physician setting forth the results of a random review of patient charts conducted by the supervising physician.
5. The effective date of the limited license shall be the date upon which the board receives evidence confirming that applicant has received a passing score on SPEX.
6. Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in summary suspension of applicant's license. The board in its discretion may in the alternative deny a renewal of the limited license or impose additional conditions and limitations for violation of any of the terms and conditions.

Dated this 16th day of February, 2001.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Sidney E. Johnson, M.D.

Secretary