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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :  
: ORDER GRANTING STAY  
ROBERT A. VINCENT, M.D. :  
RESPONDENT :

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On February 19, 2003, the Medical Examining Board entered its Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the board's Order, Dr. Vincent's license was suspended for a period of not less than five (5) years. The Order provided that the suspension could be stayed for consecutive periods of three months, conditioned upon compliance with the conditions and limitations outlined below.

Dr. Vincent must continue successful participation in all components of a drug and alcohol treatment program at a treatment facility acceptable to the Board as Dr. Vincent's Supervising Health Care Provider determined to be appropriate for Dr. Vincent's rehabilitation. The rehabilitation program must include and Dr. Vincent must 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 weekly.

Dr. Vincent is required to 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.

Dr. Vincent must abstain from all personal use of alcohol and controlled substances as defined in §961.01(4), Stats., except when necessitated by a legitimate medical condition and then only with the prior approval of the Supervising Health Care Provider.

Dr. Vincent must participate in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the department. The Approved Program must require the testing of urine specimens at a frequency of not less than 104 times per year.

Dr. Vincent's Supervising Health Care Provider must submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, on a quarterly basis, assessing Dr. Vincent's progress in the drug and alcohol treatment program and summarizing the results of the urine, blood or hair specimen analyses.

Dr. Vincent may not prescribe, dispense, administer or order any controlled substances, and was required to surrender

any DEA registration to prescribe, dispense, administer and order controlled substances to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Dr. Vincent may practice only under the supervision of a designated Professional Mentor approved by the Board or in a work setting pre-approved by the Board or its designated agent.

Dr. Vincent must arrange for his Professional Mentor to provide formal written reports to the Department Monitor in the Department of Regulation and Licensing, Division of Enforcement, on a quarterly basis. These reports must assess Dr. Vincent's work performance.

On April 23, 2003, the Medical Examining board considered Dr. Vincent's request for an initial three month stay of the suspension of his license. Based upon all information of record herein, the board orders as follows:

### ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the suspension of the license of Robert A. Vincent, M.D., to practice medicine and surgery in Wisconsin is hereby stayed for a period of three months. Dr. Vincent may petition for further stays, and those petitions shall be granted upon submission of evidence of full compliance with the board's order during the preceding three month period.

Dated this 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2003.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

Alfred L. Franger, M.D.

Secretary