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STATE OF WISCONSIN

BEFORE THE HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION

FOR A HEARING INSTRUMENT

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SPECIALIST LICENSE OF

GRANTING LIMITED LICENSE

LS0303101HAS

**THOMAS W. TEPPER,
APPLICANT.**

On June 7, 2002, Thomas W. Tepper, 1512 Franklin Street, Wausau, WI, submitted an application for a license to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist with the Hearing and Speech Examining Board. The Board reviewed Mr. Tepper's application on September 9, 2002 and December 2, 2002. Mr. Tepper's application reflects that the Office of Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) ~~revoked his insurance intermediary licenses on January 25, 2001 based, in part, upon its determination that Mr. Tepper made false~~ and misleading representations to the OCI during an investigation, and that he violated Wisconsin insurance laws by distributing false and misleading advertising concerning Medicare.

The Board and Mr. Tepper have entered into a Stipulation by which the Board agreed to issue, and Mr. Tepper agreed to accept, a Limited License to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist. Based upon the record, the Board orders the following:

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Thomas W. Tepper be, and hereby is, granted a limited license to practice as a Hearing Instrument Specialist, subject to the following conditions:

1. Mr. Tepper shall not practice fitting and dealing in hearing aids except under the direct supervision, as defined in s. HAS 1.01 (2a), Code, of no more than two licensed Hearing Instrument Specialists approved by the Board.
2. Mr. Tepper shall deliver a copy of this Final Decision and Order to the approved licensed Hearing Instrument Specialist (s) who will be responsible for providing direct supervision to him.
3. Mr. Tepper shall arrange for the supervising Hearing Instrument Specialist (s) to submit a report to the Board, every 90 calendar days commencing the day after this Order is signed by the Board's designee. In the reports, the supervisor (s) shall describe the nature of the supervision provided to Mr. Tepper and shall certify that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, Mr. Tepper complied with all state and federal laws that relate to the practice of fitting and dealing in hearing aids during the relevant time period.
4. Upon a showing by Mr. Tepper of complete, successful and continuous compliance for a period of one (1) year with the terms of this Order, the Board may grant a petition for removal of the limitation on Mr. Tepper's license and/or revise or eliminate any of the conditions contained in paragraphs 1-3 above, if it determines that Mr. Tepper is capable of practicing in a manner that safeguards the interests of the public.

Dated this 10th day of March, 2003.

Hearing and Speech Examining Board

Gerard L. Kupperman
Chairman