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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	LS0311041PHT
PAUL Z. ABLER, P.T.,	:	
RESPONDENT	:	

ORDER GRANTING A LIMITED LICENSE

Mr. Paul Z. Abler
c/o Mr. Raymond M. Dall'Osto
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On November 3, 2003, the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing (Board) issued a Final Decision and Order in the above-captioned matter. By the terms of the Board's Order, Mr. Abler's license to practice physical therapy was suspended for a period of two years beginning on May 15, 2003. The Order further provided, among other things, that Mr. Abler would be eligible for the termination of his suspension if he met certain terms and conditions.

On March 17, 2005, the Physical Therapists Affiliated Credentialing Board reviewed the request of Paul Z. Abler, P.T., for the reinstatement of his license or, alternatively, a limited license.

Based upon the Board's review,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the request of Paul Z. Abler, P.T., for a limited license is granted subject to the following terms and conditions:

- (1) Mr. Abler may not resume the practice of physical therapy until he is successfully discharged from probation through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and submits evidence of same to the Department Monitor, beginning on or after May 15, 2005.
- (2) Mr. Abler shall continue in treatment and cooperate with Michael S. Kotkin, Ph.D., and shall have sessions with him at least once a month. Dr. Kotkin may increase the frequency of sessions if needed and shall file quarterly reports with the Board regarding Mr. Abler's progress.
- (3) Mr. Abler shall meet with Michael W. Edwards, P.T., at least once a month for a period of not less than one year for the purpose of a professional mentoring relationship. During that time, Mr. Abler shall develop a procedure manual for use in his clinic that addresses all of the following: the circumstances under which patients will be referred to other physical therapists, an informed consent policy for patients, a patient satisfaction survey, and a policy for the treatment of female patients. The procedure manual shall be submitted to the Board for its review no later than November 15, 2005.
- (4) Mr. Abler shall not treat any patient in a home setting.
- (5) Upon resuming the practice of physical therapy, Mr. Abler, while treating female patients, shall work under the direct supervision of a licensed physical therapist approved in advance by the Board for a period of not less than one year. Direct supervision includes within the line of sight of the supervising physical therapist.
- (6) Mr. Abler shall appear before the Board on an annual basis.

Violation of any of the terms of this Order shall be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license; the Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other discipline.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2005.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
PHYSICAL THERAPISTS AFFILIATED CREDENTIALING BOARD

Laurie Kontney, P.T.
Chairperson