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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
THE LICENSE OF:

ROBERT J. WETZLER, M.D.,
RESPONDENT.

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**FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION**

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Division of Enforcement Case #05 MED 292

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53, are:

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PROCEDURAL HISTORY

This matter was opened for investigation on 8/24/05. An Informal Settlement Conference was held in this matter on 7/19/06. The Secretary, by Order dated 8/17/06, extended the deadline for Board action in this matter until 1/31/07. The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Robert Joseph Wetzler (dob 3/23/33) is and was at all times relevant to the facts set forth herein a physician and surgeon licensed in the State of Wisconsin pursuant to license #16857, first granted on 7/9/69. Respondent is not licensed in any other jurisdiction, is not board certified by any ABMS board, and is listed in the Board's records as an obstetrician-gynecologist.
2. Respondent was previously disciplined in 85 Med 154/88 Med 37 (1991) for inappropriately prescribing controlled substances including Quaalude® for non-medical purposes to a female patient, outside the course of legitimate practice. His license was limited to obstetrics and gynecology, he was ordered to refrain from practicing for a period of time of not less than 60 days, to take an intensive course in prescribing controlled substances, to not provide medical services to his spouse, to use only an approved recordkeeping system, to take specified steps to improve certain of his surgical abilities, and to not prescribe Schedule II controlled substances outside a hospital setting. Respondent's license was restored to unlimited status in 1998.
3. On and between 1998 and 2005, Respondent provided medical care and treatment to the late D.C., a man born in 1970. Respondent's patient health care records for the patient are alleged not to meet the current standard of care. In resolution of this matter, Respondent has agreed to take an in-depth course in medical recordkeeping.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the attached Stipulation is accepted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Robert J. Wetzler, M.D., shall take and satisfactorily complete the “Intensive Course in Medical Record Keeping with Individual Preceptorships,” offered at the Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Continuing Medical Education Program, on June 7-8, 2007. Respondent shall arrange for the course sponsor to transmit information concerning his performance directly to the Department Monitor, and shall authorize the Board or designee to confer with CWRU staff concerning his performance and behavior. Respondent may propose an alternative course which is substantially equivalent to this offering, which may be approved by the Board or its designee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that Respondent shall pay the COSTS of investigating and prosecuting this matter of \$3,200 within 180 days of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that in the event Respondent fails to timely pay costs as ordered or fails to comply with the ordered continuing education, the license of Respondent SHALL BE SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of this Order. The Board or its designee will remove the suspension, if provided with sufficient information that Respondent is in compliance with the Order and that it is inappropriate

for the suspension to remain in effect. The Board, in its discretion, may impose additional conditions and limitations for a violation of any of the terms of this Order.

Dated this January 24, 2007.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: Gene Musser MD
a member of the Board