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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY | : |                          |
| PROCEEDINGS AGAINST               | : | FINAL DECISION AND ORDER |
|                                   | : |                          |
| KAREN L. BUTLER, M.D.,            | : |                          |
| RESPONDENT.                       | : | ORDER 0001493            |

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Division of Enforcement Case No. 11MED117

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

Karen L. Butler, M.D.  
3589 Zirbo Road  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 53235

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8935  
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Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services  
Division of Enforcement  
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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. Karen L. Butler, M.D. (DOB November 25, 1956) is duly licensed and currently registered to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin under license number 43732-20. This license was first granted on August 23, 2001.
2. Respondent's address of record with the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is 3589 Zirbo Road, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin 53235.
3. Respondent specializes in family practice.

4. On May 24, 1994, Respondent entered an Alford Plea to one count of aiding and abetting the preparation of a false corporate income tax return for fiscal year 1984, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206 (2) before the US District Court-Western District of Michigan. She was adjudicated guilty of the federal crime and sentenced to 25 months imprisonment in the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Respondent had already served 25 months and was eligible for immediate release on May 24, 1994.

5. On July 17, 2000, Respondent submitted an "Application for License to Practice Medicine and Surgery" in Wisconsin. On that application, Respondent answered "NO" to the following questions:

- a. Have you ever failed to pass any state board examination, national board examination, or USMLE, or FLEX examination? If yes, give details on an attached sheet.
- b. Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor or a felony? If yes, attached a sheet providing details about the crime, including date of conviction, penalty and a copy of the court documents.

6. As part of the application process, the Department received a "Certified Transcript of Scores" for the USMLE. The transcript reflected that Respondent failed Step 1 twice before passing the third time; failed Step 2 once before passing the second time; and failed Step 3 once before passing the second time. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board approved the Respondent's license application with that knowledge of the USMLE scores. However, the Board was not aware of the conviction of a federal crime at the time it approved her application.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. 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 and Order, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent, by engaging in the conduct as set out above, has knowingly made or presented a false, fraudulent statement with the application for license, which is unprofessional misconduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § MED 10.02(2)(c). Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Karen L. Butler, M.D., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED as follows:

1. Respondent shall, within sixty (90) days from the date of this Order, pay costs of this proceeding in the amount of EIGHT HUNDRED dollars (\$800.00). Payment shall be made

payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and mailed to the Department Monitor at:

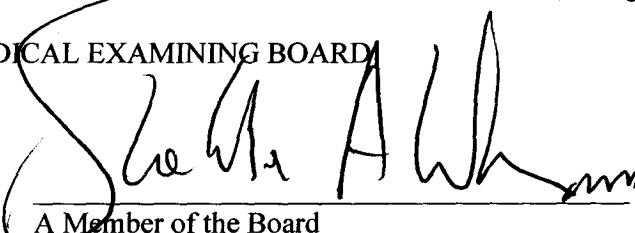
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2. Violation of any of the terms of this Order may be construed as conduct imperiling public health, safety and welfare and may result in a summary suspension of Respondent's license. The Board in its discretion may in the alternative impose additional conditions and limitations or other additional discipline for a violation of any of the terms of this Order. In the event Respondent fails to timely submit payment of the costs as set forth above, the Respondent's license (No. 43732-20) may, in the discretion of Board or its designee, be **SUSPENDED**, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs or completion of the continuing education.

3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:

  
A Member of the Board

4/19/12  
Date