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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

INTERIM DECISION AND ORDER

PAUL STRAPON III, M.D., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0002308

Division of Legal Services and Compliance¹ Case No. 12 MED 440

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

Paul Strapon III, M.D. P.O. Box 764 Hayward, WI 54843

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8935 Madison, WI 53708-8935

A Petition for Summary Suspension was filed on January 24, 2013. The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Paul Strapon III, M.D., (dob May 25, 1942), is licensed in the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 20-17306, first issued on August 4, 1970, and current through October 31, 2013. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Safety and Professional Services is P.O. Box 764, Hayward, Wisconsin 54843. Respondent is not certified by any Board recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties. During the entire time described below, Respondent was employed as a general

¹ The Division of Legal Services and Compliance was formerly known as the Division of Enforcement.

practitioner by the Lac Courte Oreilles Tribal Health Center located in Sawyer County, Wisconsin.

- 2. Respondent's practice at the clinic has been reviewed independently by two experts. These reports conclude that Respondent's prescribing of controlled substances is outside the standard of care and not supported by the patients' health care records.
- 3. Respondent denies any unprofessional conduct, but agrees to the terms of this order as an interim measure, in lieu of possible summary suspension.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3) and (4), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is ACCEPTED.
- 2. The medicine and surgery license issued to Paul Strapon III, M.D., (license number 20-17306) is LIMITED as follows: Respondent shall not prescribe, order, dispense, administer, or otherwise possess, without a prescription issued to him as a patient by another authorized prescriber, any controlled substance, nor shall he direct or request, directly or indirectly, a physician assistant or advanced practice nurse prescriber to prescribe, order, dispense, or administer any controlled substance.
 - 3. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

ember of the Board

February 20, 2013

Date