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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  
CHRISTOPHER M. HUIRAS, M.D., :  
RESPONDENT. :  
: **0003999**

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 430

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

Christopher M. Huiras, M.D.  
Mayo Clinic Health System  
800 W. Ave S  
La Crosse, WI 54601

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8366  
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190  
Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Wisconsin 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 Christopher M. Huiras, M.D., (DOB June 18, 1956), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 26137-20, first granted on July 1, 1984, with registration current through October 31, 2015. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is Mayo Clinic Health System, 800 West Avenue South, La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601.

2. In 2014, the Department of Safety and Professional Services began an audit of compliance with the continuing medical education requirements for physicians for the 2012-2013 biennium.

3. Respondent's name was randomly selected as a subject of the audit pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1m).

4. Respondent failed to demonstrate compliance with continuing medical education requirements for the 2012-2013 biennium as follows:

- a. Respondent submitted evidence of 103 hours of continuing medical education for the 2012-2013 biennium;
- b. 90.75 of the hours were after the 2012-2013 biennium;
- c. Respondent therefore completed only 12.25 hours of the 30 due in the 2012-2013 biennium.

5. As of the date of this Final Decision and Order, Respondent has complied with continuing medical education requirements for the 2012-2013 biennium.

6. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### 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 pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Respondent violated Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a) by failing to complete thirty (30) acceptable continuing education hours.

3. In violating Wis. Stat. § 448.13(1)(a), Respondent committed unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(1)(a).

4. As a result of the above violation(s), Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent, Christopher M. Huiras, M.D., license no. 26137-20, is hereby REPRIMANDED.

3. Continuing education course taken by the Respondent on September 12, 2014 have been retroactively applied to the 2012-2013 biennium and may not be used to fulfill continuing education requirements for the 2014-2015 biennium.

4. Within 90 days from the date of this Order, Respondent Christopher M. Huiras, M.D., shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$100.00.

5. Payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

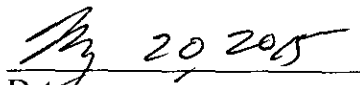
Department Monitor  
Division of Legal Services and Compliance  
Department of Safety and Professional Services  
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190  
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264  
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

6. 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 costs as ordered, Respondent's license (26137-20) may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with payment of the costs.

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

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by:   
A Member of the Board

  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

CHRISTOPHER M. HUIRAS, M.D., :  
RESPONDENT. :

STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 430

Respondent Christopher M. Huiras, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent is represented by Barbara L. Saathoff.


4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

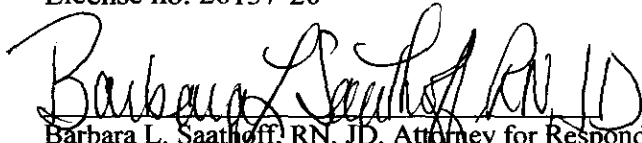
6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

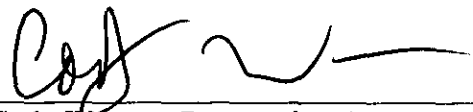
8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

  
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Mayo Clinic Health System  
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