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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF :  
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 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
 : FOR REMEDIAL EDUCATION  
 DEBRA L. CIASULLI, M.D., :  
 LICENSEE. :  
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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 132

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

Debra L. Ciasulli, M.D.  
9750 Crescent Park Circle, Unit 183  
Orland Park, IL 60462

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 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. Licensee Debra L. Ciasulli, M.D. (DOB October 14, 1978), is licensed by the State of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 61100-20, first issued on July 18, 2013, with registration current through October 31, 2017. Licensee's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 9750 Crescent Park Circle, Unit 183, Orland Park, Illinois 60462.

2. Licensee has also been licensed to practice medicine in Illinois since 2011 and has no prior disciplinary history in either state.

3. Licensee completed a dual residency in medicine and psychiatry from Rush University Medical Center. She practices psychiatry, specializing in addiction psychiatry, and is also certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

4. In 2013, Licensee completed a fellowship in addiction psychiatry at Northwestern University and commenced employment in Park Falls, Wisconsin, where she treated patients with addiction and chronic pain complaints.

5. In 2015, Licensee's employer raised concerns about Licensee's prescribing of controlled substances. The employer investigated Licensee's prescribing and assigned a pain management physician to work with Licensee to address the employer's concerns.

6. Licensee denies she inappropriately prescribed controlled substances at any time and disputes the validity of the employer's concerns. Licensee claims she received inadequate support of her practice and inconsistent directives from her employer and practice mentor. Licensee subsequently resigned and moved back to Illinois, where she currently resides and intends to stay.

7. Licensee works full-time in Illinois and maintains a very limited practice at a mental health facility in Wisconsin. A review of the Wisconsin Prescription Drug Monitoring Program database dating back to 2015 reflects that Licensee has accordingly engaged in very limited prescribing of controlled substances in Wisconsin during that time.

8. Licensee denies ever engaging in inappropriate prescribing of controlled substances, but consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

#### ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Within six (6) months of the date of this Order, Debra L. Ciasulli, M.D., shall at Licensee's own expense take and successfully complete ten (10) hours of education in responsible prescribing of controlled substances as follows:
  - a. Each course attended in satisfaction of this Order must be pre-approved by the Board or its designee. Licensee shall be responsible for locating course(s) satisfactory to the Board and for obtaining the required approval of the course(s) from the Board or its designee. Licensee must take and pass any exam offered for the course(s).
  - b. Licensee shall submit proof of successful completion of the education in the form of verification from the institution providing the education to the Department Monitor at the address stated below. None of the education completed pursuant to

this requirement may be used to satisfy any continuing education requirements that have been or may be instituted by the Board or Department.

3. Requests for course approval and proof of successful course completion shall be sent by Licensee 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  
DPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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

5. This Order is for education only and does not constitute discipline or an adverse final action by the Board.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

by: J. Westlake <sup>ms</sup>  
A Member of the Board

11/15/17  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 15 MED 132

Licensee Debra L. Ciasulli, 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. Licensee consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.

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

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Licensee, 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 Licensee;
- the right to call witnesses on Licensee's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
- the right to testify on Licensee'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 Licensee under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Licensee is aware of Licensee's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Licensee is represented by Attorney Lora L. Zimmer.

4. Licensee agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order for Remedial Education without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Licensee 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 Licensee, 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 for Remedial Education.

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

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

  
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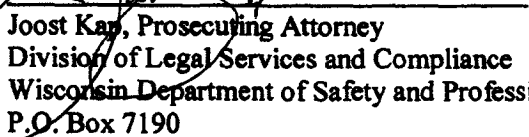
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