

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of

**CASE No: MD-18-0439A**

3 **WILLIAM F. REES, M.D.**

**REQUEST FOR LICENSE  
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND  
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE  
WITH CAUSE**

4 Holder of License No. 53589  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine in the  
6 State of Arizona.

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8 1. I, William F. Rees, M.D. ("Respondent"), am the holder of License No. 53589 to  
9 practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

10 2. I hereby request that, effective at 5:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order,  
11 the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to practice  
12 allopathic medicine number 53589 pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1452(F). I participated in the  
13 Board's Monitored Aftercare Program ("MAP"), currently referred to as the Physician  
14 Health Program ("PHP"), from March 13, 2017 through August 18, 2017 and no longer  
15 qualify for a confidential Board Order.

16 3. I will not practice medicine in Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the  
17 United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or  
18 maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or  
19 write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I practice medicine while my  
20 license is inactive I will be practicing medicine without a license and/or without being  
21 exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

22 4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I  
23 complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program,  
24 an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs as  
25 required by A.R.S. § 32-1452(F) and subsequently complete an assessment with the

1 Board's PHP Contractor, and the Board is in receipt of the assessment findings and  
2 recommendations. I understand that I may also be required to complete other evaluations  
3 if deemed necessary by the Board. The Board will not reactivate my license until I  
4 present evidence satisfactory to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically  
5 competent and mentally and physically able to safely practice medicine in the State of  
6 Arizona.

7 Will Rees MD  
8 WILLIAM F. REES, M.D.

DATED: 5/15/18

9 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 10 1. Respondent currently holds an active license to practice medicine in this state.  
11 2. Respondent was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to  
12 A.R.S. § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.  
13 3. On May 11, 2018, the Board received a self-report from Respondent stating that  
14 he had relapsed with the consumption of alcohol.  
15 4. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), Respondent has requested that his license to  
16 practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with Cause.

17 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 18 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
19 Licensee.  
20 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
21 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) ("A pattern of using or being under the  
22 influence of alcohol or drugs or a similar substance while practicing medicine or to the  
23 extent that judgment may be impaired.

24 **ORDER**

25 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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1. License number 53589 held by Respondent is Inactivated with Cause.

2. Before Respondent can request that his/her license be reactivated, he/she shall successfully complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs and shall meet the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §32-1431(D).

3. Once Respondent has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it should refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the license or to place Respondent on probation for a minimum of five (5) years with restrictions necessary to ensure public safety.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Patricia E. McSorley  
Patricia E. McSorley  
Executive Director

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 to:

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ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2018 with:

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