BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

WILLIAM F. REES, M.D.

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

CASE No: MD-18-0439A
REQUEST FOR LICENSE INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE WITH CAUSE

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

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

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

4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs as required by A.R.S. § 32-1452(F) and subsequently complete an assessment with the
Board's PHP Contractor, and the Board is in receipt of the assessment findings and recommendations. I understand that I may also be required to complete other evaluations if deemed necessary by the Board. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present evidence satisfactory to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically competent and mentally and physically able to safely practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

Will Rees

WILLIAM F. REES, M.D.

DATED: 5/15/18

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent currently holds an active license to practice medicine in this state.

2. Respondent was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.

3. On May 11, 2018, the Board received a self-report from Respondent stating that he had relapsed with the consumption of alcohol.

4. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), Respondent has requested that his license to practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with Cause.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Licensee.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) ("A pattern of using or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs or a similar substance while practicing medicine or to the extent that judgment may be impaired.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:
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 15th day of May 2018.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed this 15th day of May, 2018 to:

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