BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of **ABRAHAM SAYEGH, M.D.** Holder of License No. **18816** For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine In the State of Arizona.	**Case No: MD-08-0145** **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**

INTRODUCTION

The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") at an emergency Board teleconference meeting on March 7, 2008. After reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the Board voted to consider proceedings for a summary action against Abraham Sayegh, M.D. ("Respondent") license. Having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 18816 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-08-0145 after receiving an anonymous complaint on February 22, 2008 that Respondent may have a substance abuse problem.

4. As a result of an investigative interview with Board Staff and the Board's addiction medicine consultant on February 28, 2008, Respondent was issued an Interim Order for Biological Fluid and Hair Testing. On March 6, 2008, the Board received the

results of the hair test which was positive for Oxycodone. Subsequently, Respondent admitted to the Board's addiction medicine consultant that he had relapsed and stated that he would immediately cease practicing medicine.

5. Respondent previously participated in the Board's Monitored Aftercare Program (MAP) on two separate occasions, 1990-1994 and 1999-2004.

6. Respondent's continued substance abuse presents a danger to the public health and safety.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent, holder of License No. 18816 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(f) ("[h]abitual intemperance in the use of alcohol or habitual substance abuse.").

3. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth above,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, License No. 18816, is summarily suspended.

2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.

Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as possible after the issuance of this order.

3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced as expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated and agreed otherwise by Respondent.

DATED this 7th day of March, 2008.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

(SEAL)

By: _____
LISA S. WYNN
Executive Director

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