BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

DUONG HUU NGUYEN, M.D.

EMERGENCY ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-201, of the Administrative Procedure Act, and Arkansas Code Annotated §17-95-410 of the Medical Practices Act, the Arkansas State Medical Board issues the following Order and Notice of Hearing charging Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D. with alleged violations of the Medical Practices Act, more specifically:

- 1. A.C.A. § 17-95-409(A)(2)(p), that is, violating a Regulation of the Board, more specifically Regulation 2.7 by engaging in a romantic or sexual relationship with a patient or former patient.
- 2. A.C.A. §17-95-409(A)(2)(p), that is, violating Regulation 32A, that is committing an ethical violation by having sex or a romantic relationship with a patient or former patient.
- 3. A.C.A. § 17-95-409(a)(2)(p) that is violating a Regulation of the Board, more specifically Regulation 2.4, in that Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D. prescribed an excessive amount of controlled substances for this patient.

The allegations upon which the above charges are based are as follows:

I.

Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., is a licensed physician in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

II.

Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., entered into a physician/patient relationship by rendering medical treatment and prescribing medication for a patient identified as AC.

Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., violated Regulation 2.4, 2.7 and Regulation 32A by over prescribing controlled substances and engaging in a sexual or romantic relationship with a patient or former patient identified as AC.

IV.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act, ACA § 25-15-211(c), and upon an affirmative vote of the majority of the Arkansas State Medical Board, the Board finds that the acts of Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., described herein above, endangers the public health, safety, and welfare; and therefore, the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas as heretofore issued to Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing in this matter or further Orders of the Board.

WHEREFORE, it is CONSIDERED, ORDERED and ADJUDGED, by the Arkansas State Medical Board that a hearing should be conducted to determine whether Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., has violated the Medical Practices Act, and the Rules and Regulations of the Board. If it is found that he has, in fact, violated the Medical Practices Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board, then the Board should determine whether the license of Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D., to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas should be revoked or suspended, or whether other sanctions should be given as punishment pursuant to the authority granted the Board in Arkansas Code Annotated § 17-95-410. Said hearing will be conducted at 10:15 o'clock A.M. on the day of October 2019, at the offices of the Arkansas State Medical Board, 1401 W. Capitol, Suite 340, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Duong Huu Nguyen, M.D. is hereby advised that he may be represented by counsel at the hearing, and that he will be given the opportunity to examine all evidence offered to the Board, cross-examine witnesses, and offer evidence and witnesses in his own behalf.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Sylvia D. Simon, M.D., Chairman

DATE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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