BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF:

PAUL JAY LOOP, M.D.

<u>ORDER</u>

On this 6th day of June comes on for hearing the matter of Paul Jay Loop, M.D. The Arkansas State Medical Board appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Paul Jay Loop, M.D. appeared *pro se*. From the pleadings, testimony of the witnesses, and evidence introduced the Board finds that:

I.

Paul Jay Loop, M.D. is a licensed physician in the state of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act.

II.

Paul Jay Loop, M.D. has admitted in testimony that on or about the 3rd of December 2007 he ingested Crack/Cocaine, a substance that is illegal. He further has admitted that when he ingested the substance he was at his work place, at the hospital and rendered treatment to his patients. He further admitted that he had the substance on him as well as drug paraphernalia when searched by the authorities at the hospital.

III.

The acts of Paul Jay Loop, M.D., as admitted to in testimony, are a violation of the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas regulating the possession, distribution and use of scheduled and narcotic drugs. The actions further exhibit the habitual and intemperate use of habit forming drugs.

WHEREFORE it is considered, ordered and adjudged that:

Paul Jay Loop, M.D. has violated the Medical Practices Act, more

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EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to ACA § 25-15-201 and ACA § 25-15-211, both of the Administrative Procedure Act, and ACA § 17-95-410 of the Medical Practices Act, the Arkansas State Medical Board issues the following Emergency Order of Suspension and Notice of Hearing charging Paul Jay Loop, M.D., with alleged violation of the Medical Practices Act. More specifically, ACA § 17-95-409(a)(2)(e), that is a violation of the laws of the United States or the State of Arkansas, regulating the possession, distribution, or use of narcotic or controlled substances; and ACA § 17-95-409(a)(2)(h), the habitual intemperate or excessive use of habit forming drugs. The allegations upon which the above charges are based are as follows:

I.

Paul Jay Loop, M.D. is a licensed physician in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Medical Practices Act..

II.

Paul Jay Loop, M.D. has admitted to hospital administrative personnel and law enforcement personnel that on or about the 3rd of December, 2007, he ingested crack cocaine, a substance that is illegal, while at his work place. Paul Jay Loop, M.D. had possession of the substance on him when arrested by law enforcement authorities and had drug paraphernalia on his person and in his dwelling. He further admitted that he has had substance abuse problems in the past, while practicing medicine in other states.

Said actions of Paul Jay Loop, M.D., as admitted to on the 3rd of December, 2007, reveal a habitual intemperate or excessive use of scheduled medication of Paul Jay Loop, M.D.

IV.

Said admissions and actions of Paul Jay Loop, M.D., as referred to in paragraph II above are in violation of the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas regulating the possession, distribution and use of scheduled medication.

V.

Pursuant to the Administrative Procedure 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 Paul Jay Loop, M.D., described in paragraph II above, presents a danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Therefore, the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Paul Jay Loop, 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 that the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Paul Jay Loop, M.D., is suspended on an emergency basis, pending a disciplinary hearing or further Orders of the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by the Arkansas State Medical Board that a hearing should be conducted to determine whether Paul Jay Loop, M.D., has violated the Medical Practices Act. If it is found that he has, in fact, violated the Medical Practices Act, then the Board should determine whether the license of Paul J. Loop, 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 and ACA § 17-95-410. Said hearing will be conducted at 1:15

O'clock, O.M., on the Saday of Jebruary, 2008, at the offices of the Arkansas State Medical Board at 2100 Riverfront Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Paul Jay Loop, 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 of the evidence offered to the Board, cross-examine witnesses, and offer evidence of witnesses in his own behalf.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Attories for the Arkansas State Medical Board

specifically, ACA 17-95-409(A)(2)(e) that is he has violated the laws of the United States and the State of Arkansas regulating the possession, distribution and use of scheduled medication and narcotic drugs.

- 2. Paul Jay Loop, M.D. has violated the Medical Practices Act, more specifically, ACA 17-95-409(A)(2)(h) that is, he has exhibited the excessive use and the habitual and intemperate use of habit forming drugs.
- 3. As a result of the above violations of the Medical Practices Act the license to practice medicine in the State of Arkansas of Paul Jay Loop, M.D. is revoked.

IT IS SO ORDERED:

ARKANSAS STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Trent P. Pierce, M.D., Chairman

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Date

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