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IN THE MATTER OF:
GREGG SPAULDING HUNTER, M.D.
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Respondent

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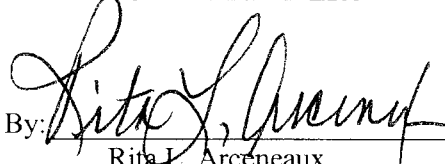
**NOTICE OF
SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

To: Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D.
1007 High Street
Houma, Louisiana 70364

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board"), pursuant to the authority vested in it by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285(A), La. Rev. Stat. §49:961(C) has issued an Order of Summary Suspension, suspending the license of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D., effective immediately.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 2nd day of December 2008.

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By: 
Rita L. Arceneaux
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**CONSENT ORDER FOR
REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE
ON PROBATION**

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An investigation conducted by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") indicates that Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. ("Dr. Hunter"), a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, is chemically dependent on controlled and/or other mood-altering substances. The physician's condition was first diagnosed in 1999 following which he underwent inpatient evaluation and treatment. He subsequently entered into a monitoring agreement with the Physicians' Health Foundation of Louisiana, Inc.'s Physician Health Program (the "PHP"), which he successfully completed in 2005. In the fall of 2008, Dr. Hunter tested positive for mood-altering substances and was asked to undergo inpatient evaluation. When he refused to do so his license was summarily suspended by the Board. He then submitted to evaluation and was referred to in-patient treatment, which he successfully completed and was discharged with recommendations for on-going therapy and monitoring. It was the opinion of his treating physicians that provided that he abided by their recommendations Dr. Hunter was capable of returning to medical practice.

As evidenced by his subscription to this Order, Dr. Hunter acknowledges the substantial accuracy of the forgoing information and that such acknowledgment and the reported information would provide the Investigating Officer assigned to this matter by the Board with probable cause to pursue administrative proceedings against him for violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 (A) (5) and (25),¹ constituting sufficient cause for action against his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana. On the basis of apparently reliable information, however, the Board is persuaded that the condition from which

¹ The Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of: (5) '[H]abitual or recurring abuse of drugs, including alcohol, which affects the central nervous system and which are capable of inducing physiological or psychological dependence;' and (25) '[I]nability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of ... excessive use or abuse of drugs, including alcohol.'

Dr. Hunter suffers may be susceptible to effective medical treatment, resulting in the maintenance of his capacity to engage in the practice of medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, provided that he strictly observes and complies with appropriate restrictions on and conditions to maintenance of his medical license. In consideration of this finding, accordingly, and on the recommendation of the Investigating Officer respecting the pending investigation, the Board has concluded that its responsibility to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of this state against the unprofessional, unqualified and unsafe practice of medicine, La. Rev. Stat. §37:1261, will be effectively served by entry of the Order set forth hereinafter by consent.

Recognizing his right to have notice of administrative charges, and to administrative adjudication of such charges, at which time Dr. Hunter would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence on his own behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955-965, Dr. Hunter, nonetheless, hereby waives his right to formal adjudication and pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D), consents to entry of the Order set forth hereinafter. Furthermore, Dr. Hunter acknowledges that he hereby waives any right to which he may be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law to contest his agreement to or the force and effect of the Board's investigation or this document in any court or other forum. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Hunter also hereby authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto, to present this Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully disclose and discuss with the Board the nature and results of the investigation and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Hunter expressly acknowledges that the disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to proceed with the filing and adjudication of an administrative complaint against him or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such complaint should the Board decline to approve this consent Order.

Accordingly, in consideration of the forgoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

IT IS ORDERED that the license of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, MD, to engage in the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 14239R, be and the same is hereby **REINSTATED ON PROBATION** for a period of five (5) years, *provided, however*, that such reinstatement of his license and Dr. Hunter's continuing exercise of rights and privileges granted thereby, shall be conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

(1) **Maintenance of Complete Abstinence.** Dr. Hunter shall maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol, controlled and any other mood-altering substance for as long as he holds a license to practice medicine in this state, except as may be prescribed by a treating physician other than himself for a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Hunter shall personally inform his treating and monitoring physicians, both orally and in writing, within forty-eight (48) hours of the prescription or administration of any controlled or mood-altering

substance received by him from another physician for treatment of a *bona fide* medical condition. Dr. Hunter shall immediately self-report to the PHP and the Board in writing any failure to adhere to the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Order.

(2) Continuing Treatment, Participation in the PHP/Reports to Board. Dr. Hunter shall, within five (5) days of the effective date of this Order, enter into and execute a monitoring agreement with the PHP for not less than the duration of the probationary period and shall cause a copy thereof to be delivered to the Board. Dr. Hunter shall continue in, abide by and strictly adhere to all recommendations for ongoing treatment and monitoring of his condition, which have or may be contained in his PHP monitoring agreement, or any subsequent agreement which may be recommended by the PHP, as well as those recommended by his treating physicians and those prescribed by any other health care provider involved in his care to the extent that they continue to follow him. Dr. Hunter shall, in addition, authorize and cause his treating and monitoring physicians and/or the PHP to submit to the Board, not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period, written reports and/or verbal reports, should the Board desire the latter, on his then-current treatment diagnosis, prognosis, course of treatment, maintenance of abstinence from controlled and mood-altering substances, his fitness and ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order and his PHP monitoring agreement.

(3) Drug Screens. Dr. Hunter shall submit to periodic, unannounced blood, urine, saliva and/or hair collection for testing for the presence of controlled or other mood-altering substances by a PHP physician or his or her designee. Unless and until this condition is modified or rescinded by the Board, Dr. Hunter shall authorize and cause such physician and/or the PHP to report the results of such drug screens to the Board not less frequently than quarterly throughout the probationary period.

(4) Board Access to Treatment Records and Reports. Dr. Hunter shall, and does by his subscription hereto, authorize any physician or any institution at which he undergoes treatment for chemical abuse or dependency or any other condition from which he may suffer or be diagnosed, as well as any physician under whose care he may come at such an institution who has or may hereafter evaluate, diagnose, treat or monitor him, to provide the Board with copies of all medical reports relating to Dr. Hunter's history, examination, evaluation, diagnosis, treatment and prognosis and to provide the Board with written and verbal reports relative thereto. Dr. Hunter expressly waives any privilege that may otherwise be afforded the disclosure of such records pursuant to state or federal law and shall immediately execute any authorization or release that may be necessary to permit the Board access to such records.

(5) Limitation on Practice. During the probationary term specified by this Order Dr. Hunter shall not engage in the private (solo) practice of medicine but shall instead work in a group, clinic, hospital or other similar setting, pre-approved in writing by the Board.

(6) Prescription, Dispensation, Administration of Certain Controlled Substances Prohibited. Dr. Hunter shall not, during the probationary term specified by this Order, prescribe, dispense or administer any opiate or hydrocodone containing substance which may be classified, defined, enumerated or included in 21 C.F.R. §§1308 or La. Rev. Stat §40:964, as a

controlled substance. This prohibition shall not, however, prohibit Dr. Hunter from ordering opiate or hydrocodone containing controlled substances for administration to in-patients of and at a hospital or similar institution where he may be employed or exercise staff and clinical privileges under the controlled substance license and registration of such hospital or institution and in accordance with such hospital or institution's prescribed policies and procedures governing the administration of controlled substances.

(7) Prohibitions on Practice /Management of Chronic Pain or Obesity. At no time following the effective date of this Order shall Dr. Hunter practice medicine in the field of management of chronic pain or obesity. More specifically, at no time following the effective date of this Order shall Dr. Hunter hold himself out as being engaged in the treatment of or actually undertake to treat, either individually or in conjunction with any other physician, any patient for the long-term management of chronic pain or obesity (beyond twelve weeks in any twelve month period), nor shall he receive any remuneration from, have any ownership interest in or association with any clinic or practice setting or arrangement that renders care and/or treatment to patients for chronic pain or obesity or any clinic that advertises or holds itself out to the public as a clinic or practice for the care and/or treatment of patients for the management of chronic pain or obesity. Until and unless otherwise modified by the Board, in its sole discretion, the restrictions contained in this provision shall survive the probationary term of this Order and remain in effect so long as Dr. Hunter shall hold any form of license or permit to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.

(8) Personal Appearance before the Board. Prior to the consideration of this Consent Order, Dr. Hunter shall personally appear before the Board or its designee to permit the Board to consider his current and aftercare treatment program, his compliance with the terms of this Order and to advise the Board of his intentions with respect to his practice of medicine.

(9) Additional Probationary Terms. In addition to such other terms and conditions as are placed upon his license to practice medicine by this Order, Dr. Hunter hereby consents to, agrees with and acquiesces in the imposition of any additional terms, conditions or restrictions, as well as the length or nature thereof including, but not limited to, a period of actual suspension of his license, additional treatment, reports and evaluations, limitations on the nature and/or scope of his practice, supervision of his practice and an extension of his probationary period, which the Board in its sole discretion may deem necessary or appropriate.

(10) Continuing Medical Education. Dr. Hunter shall obtain not less than fifty (50) credit hours per year for each of the five (5) years of his probationary term through attendance at and participation in continuing medical education programs ("CME") accredited by and qualifying for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association, and he shall obtain such award within three (3) years of the date hereof. On or before the anniversary date of the effective date of this Consent Order, for each of the next five (5) years, Dr. Hunter shall cause to be submitted to the Board written certification of the CME programs and credits completed by him during the preceding twelve (12) months.

(11) Absence from State/Practice/Effect on Probation. Should Dr. Hunter at any time during the period of probation ordered herein be absent from the state of Louisiana, relocate to and/or take up residency in another state or country or discontinue practicing medicine for a period of thirty (30) days or more, he shall advise the Board in writing. In such instance, the probationary period ordered herein and all terms, conditions and restrictions thereof, shall be deemed interrupted and extended and shall not commence to run until Dr. Hunter notifies the Board in writing that he has returned to, relocated or taken up residency in, or resumed the practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana. In such instance, Dr. Hunter shall not receive credit toward completion of the probationary period for the time during which he was absent from the State of Louisiana or while he was not engaged in the practice of medicine.

(12) Notification. Dr. Hunter shall provide a complete copy of this Order to each hospital, clinic, facility or other employer or prospective employer at which or for whom he provides services as a physician in this state.

(13) Cooperation with Board's Probation and Compliance Officer. Dr. Hunter shall immediately notify the Board's Probation and Compliance Officer of any change in his current home and professional addresses and telephone numbers and he shall direct all matters required pursuant to this Consent Order to the attention of the Probation and Compliance Officer, with whom he shall cooperate on all matters and inquiries pertaining to his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Consent Order.

(14) Probation Monitoring Fee. For each year of the probationary term Dr. Hunter shall pay the Board a probation monitoring fee of Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars. Payment of the initial fee shall be due not later than sixty (60) days from the effective date of this Order. All subsequent annual payments shall be due on or before the anniversary date of the initial fee payment.

(15) Certification of Compliance with Probationary Terms/Personal Appearance before the Board. At least sixty (60) days prior to the conclusion of the probationary term imposed herein, Dr. Hunter shall provide the Board with an affidavit certifying that he has complied with each of the terms of probation imposed by this Order and he shall contact the Board and arrange for a personal appearance before the Board at its meeting preceding the expiration of his probationary term.

(16) Sanction. By his subscription hereto, Dr. Hunter acknowledges that his receipt of written notification that the Board has received a reliable report that indicates his failure to comply with the requirements set forth by this Order in any respect shall, without the need for formal hearing or for providing him with any right to which he may otherwise be entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951 *et seq.*, or which otherwise may be afforded to him by law, constitute his irrevocable consent to the immediate suspension of his license to practice medicine in this state by the Board pending the conclusion of administrative proceedings by final decision issued by the Board on any charges that may be filed in these proceedings; alternatively, by the Board's acceptance of a Consent Order or other Order or recommendation respecting disposition of such charges.

(17) **Effective Date.** This Consent Order shall be effective the date it is approved and accepted by the Board as shown by the signature of its representative below.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation or failure of strict compliance with any of the terms, conditions or restrictions set forth by this Order by Dr. Hunter shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of Dr. Hunter's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. § 37:1285.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 14th day of December, 2009.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

BY:


LINDA GAGE WHITE, M.D.

President

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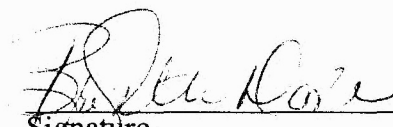
**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF ORLEANS

I, Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 8th day of December, 2009.


Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D.

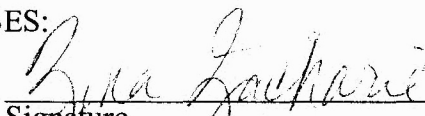
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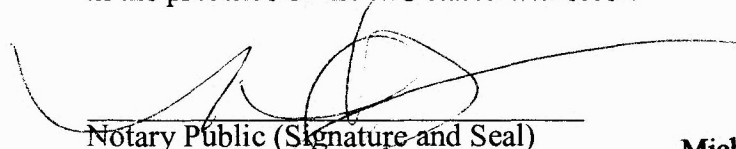

Signature

Lina Zacharie
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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of DECEMBER, 2009,
in the presence of the two stated witnesses.


Notary Public (Signature and Seal)

Michael J. Hall, LSBA #28067
Printed Name/Notary or Bar Number

Michael J. Hall
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IN THE MATTER OF:

GREGG SPAULDING HUNTER, MD

(Certificate No. 14239R)

Respondent

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No. 11-I-887

ORDER FOR SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL LICENSE

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners has received a Certification of Noncompliance and Order of Suspension relative to Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. The Certification and Order, which was issued on October 10, 2011, by Molly Stein, CS, District Manager, Thibodaux, Louisiana, of the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Support Enforcement Services, and received by the Board on October 20, 2011, notified the Board of Greg Spaulding Hunter, M.D.'s noncompliance with an order of support and directed that his medical license be suspended. A copy of the referenced Certification of Noncompliance and Order of Suspension is attached hereto.

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners is empowered by law to issue, suspend and revoke medical licenses in the State of Louisiana. La. R.S. 37:1261 et seq., La. R.S. 30:1270, 1274, and 1285.

Pursuant to further specific statute, La. R.S. 9:315.40, et seq., and particularly La. R.S. 9:315.45, the Board is mandated to suspend the professional license of an individual promptly upon receipt of Certification of Noncompliance and Order of Suspension by the Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Support Enforcement Services, advising of an individual's noncompliance with an order of child support.

The requirements of the governing law having been met,

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

In the Matter of

Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D.

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IT IS ORDERED that the license of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by certificate number 14239R, be and the same is hereby **SUSPENDED** for noncompliance with an order of support, effective as of midnight the 26th day of October, 2011.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to apply for reinstatement of his medical license, Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. must first obtain and furnish the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners with a certified copy of an order of compliance from the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Support Enforcement Services, in accordance with La. R.S. 9:315.47.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 26th day of October, 2011.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: Mark H. Dawson
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

Louisiana Department of Social Services
Office of Family Support
Support Enforcement Services
P.O. BOX 1427
THIBODAUX, LA 70302-1427
(800)256-4650
October 10, 2011

Certification of Noncompliance and Order of Suspension

MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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NEW ORLEANS, LA 70190-0250

LASES No.: 00214378601
Obligor: GREGG SPAULDING HUNTER
Obligor Add: 22 LARKSPUR LN
LAFAYETTE, LA 70507-3485

Dear Sir:

SSN:

Louisiana Revised Statute 9:315.44 authorizes this Department to certify noncompliance with an order for support to agencies which issue any license, certification, registration, permit, approval, or other similar document evidencing admission to or granting authority for any of the following:

1. To engage in a profession, occupation, business, or industry;
2. To operate a motor vehicle. This provision shall also include the license plate for any vehicle registered in the name of the obligor, as well as the registration of such vehicle.
3. To participate in any sporting activity, including fishing and hunting, by suspending licenses and/or prohibiting purchasing new licenses.

By this letter, the undersigned agency representative hereby certifies the above named obligor is not in compliance with an order of support and orders obligor's license(s) to be suspended as provided herein.

☒ Suspend the following licenses: MD14239R

☐ The Department authorizes the licensing authority, Office of Motor Vehicles, to issue a restricted driver's license, if **the obligor is eligible**. The restricted driver's license is to allow the obligor to travel to and from employment during the following time periods.

Days:

Time of Day:

NOTE: This notification is not a restricted license, or the authority to drive. The obligor may not be eligible for the above mentioned restricted driving privileges. Eligibility for the issuance of a restricted driver's license will be determined by the Office of Motor Vehicles.

☐ Suspend registration of motor vehicles: VIN No.(s):

R.S. 9:315.45 further provides that within 30 days after receipt of a certification of noncompliance from the Department, the licensing authority shall suspend the license of all licensees named therein and notify each licensee that his license has been suspended because of noncompliance with an order of support.

The licensing authority shall specify a date of suspension, which date shall be within 30 days from the licensing authority's receipt of the order of suspension and shall promptly issue a notice of suspension informing the licensee that his/her license has been suspended by administrative order for noncompliance with an order of support and the effective date of the suspension. The notice shall include a copy of this Certification of Noncompliance.

Molly Stein, CS/P.O. H.
Support Enforcement District Manager

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IN THE MATTER OF:

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Respondent
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No. 11-I-887

**ORDER FOR
RECALLING SUSPENSION
OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

On October 26, 2011, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") suspended the license of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. to practice medicine in this state effective midnight October 26, 2011. The suspension was based on the Board's receipt of a Certification of Noncompliance and Order of Suspension issued on October 10, 2011, by Molly Stein, CS, District Manager, Thibodaux, Louisiana, of the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Family Support, Support Enforcement Services, and received by the Board on October 21, 2011, notifying the Board of Dr. Hunter's noncompliance with an order of support and directing that his medical license be suspended in accordance with La. R.S. 37:9:315.40 *et seq.*

Molly C. Stern, CS of the Louisiana Department of Child and Family Services, Office of Family Support, Support Enforcement Services, has now provided the Board with a Compliance Release Certificate reciting that as of 4:00 p.m. on October 26, 2011, Dr. Hunter has complied with the order of support and that his licensee may be reissued. Accordingly, by virtue of the Board's receipt of the Compliance Release Certificate, and in accordance with the mandate to the Board contained in La. R.S. §9:313.47,

IT IS ORDERED that the Order of Suspension hereto issued in this matter is recalled and vacated and the license of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 14239R, be and the same is hereby, as of the effective date of this Order, **REINSTATED ON PROBATION** consistent with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the Consent Order heretofore entered into by and between Dr. Hunter and the Board on December 14, 2009.¹

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

Signed and effective this, 27 day of October 2011 at 9 o'clock a.m.

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

By: _____

Mark H. Dawson, M.D.
MARK H. DAWSON, M.D.
President

¹Consent Order, In the Matter of Gregg Spaulding Hunter, M.D., No. 08-I-852 (December 14, 2009).