

**BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

In the Matter of

**STEVEN MATTHEW RAYLE, M.D.**

Holder of License No. **17733**  
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
In the State of Arizona.

**Case No. MD-15-1213A**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT  
FOR PRACTICE LIMITATION**

**(Non-Disciplinary)**

**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT**

Steven Matthew Rayle, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Interim Consent Agreement for Practice Limitation and Assessment; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board"); and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

**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. Physician is the holder of License Number 17733 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-15-1213A after receiving a report from the Physician Health Program ("PHP") Contractor stating that Respondent had become noncompliant with his December 2013 Stipulated Rehabilitation Agreement.

4. In addition to the report from the PHP Contractor, Respondent has disclosed other health concerns.

5. The aforementioned information was presented to the investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member. All reviewed the information and concur that an interim consent agreement to limit Respondent's practice is appropriate.

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**INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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

2. Pursuant to A.A.C. R4-16-509, the executive director has the authority to enter into consent agreements to limit a physician's practice if there is evidence that he is mentally unable to safely engage in the practice of medicine and the investigative staff, the medical consultant and the lead Board member concur after a review of the case that a consent agreement is appropriate.

3. In addition, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-1405(C)(25) and 32-1451(F), the executive director, on behalf of the Board, has the authority to enter into consent agreements if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety.

**INTERIM ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine in the State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-1401(22) until he applies to the Executive Director and receives affirmative permission to do so as stated in paragraph 5 below. Respondent may not apply for relief from this Interim Consent Agreement until he has completed an independent, in-person, comprehensive substance abuse and psychiatric evaluation at a Board-approved evaluation center. Respondent must comply with all recommendations that arise as a result of the evaluation including any recommendation that he undergo and successfully complete further residential treatment at a Board-approved facility.

2. Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order to the evaluating facility and any treating facility and shall sign a consent form to release all confidential evaluation and/or treatment records to the Board.



1 **CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER**

2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement for  
3 Practice Limitation. Respondent acknowledges he has the right to consult with legal  
4 counsel regarding this matter.

5 2. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that this Interim Consent Agreement  
6 is entered into freely and voluntarily and that no promise was made or coercion used to  
7 induce such entry.

8 3. By consenting to this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent voluntarily  
9 relinquishes any rights to a hearing or judicial review in state or federal court on the  
10 matters alleged, or to challenge this Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety as issued,  
11 and waives any other cause of action related thereto or arising from said Interim Consent  
12 Agreement.

13 4. The Interim Consent Agreement is not effective unless and until it is  
14 approved and signed by the Executive Director.

15 5. All admissions made by Respondent are solely for final disposition of this  
16 matter and any subsequent related administrative proceedings or civil litigation involving  
17 the Board and Respondent. Therefore, said admissions by Respondent are not intended  
18 or made for any other use, such as in the context of another state or federal government  
19 regulatory agency proceeding, civil or criminal court proceeding, in the State of Arizona or  
20 any other state or federal court.

21 6. Upon signing this Interim Consent Agreement, and returning this document  
22 (or a copy thereof) to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may not revoke the  
23 consent to the entry of the Interim Consent Agreement. Respondent may not make any  
24 modifications to the document. Any modifications to this original document are ineffective  
25 and void unless mutually approved by the parties.

1           7.     This Interim Consent Agreement is a public record that will be publicly  
2 disseminated as a formal **non-disciplinary** action of the Board.

3           8.     If any part of the Interim Consent Agreement is later declared void or  
4 otherwise unenforceable, the remainder of the Interim Consent Agreement in its entirety  
5 shall remain in force and effect.

6           9.     Any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement constitutes unprofessional  
7 conduct and may result in disciplinary action. A.R.S. §§ 32-1401(27)(r) (“[v]iolating a  
8 formal order, probation, consent agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the  
9 board or its executive director under this chapter.”) and 32-1451.

10          10.    **Respondent has read and understands the terms of this agreement.**

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12 S. Rayle M.D.  
13 STEVEN MATTHEW RAYLE, M.D.

DATED: October 13, 2015

14 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
15 this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015 to:  
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18 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed  
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