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In The Matter Of
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JOHN G. NORRIS, JR., M.D.
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CONSENT
ORDER
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By Federal grand jury indictment filed on July 1, 1982, John G. Norris, Jr., M.D. ("Dr. Norris") was charged with 12 counts of knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully dispensing controlled substances not in the usual course of his professional practice and not for a legitimate medical purpose, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 2. United States v. John G. Norris, Jr., M.D., No. CR-82-30012-01 (U.S.D. Ct., W.D. La.). On December 17, 1982, Dr. Norris entered a plea of guilty to count nine of the indictment.* The remaining counts of the indictment were dismissed.

*Knowing, intentional and unlawful dispensation of phentermine, a Schedule IV controlled substance.

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Upon such conviction, Dr. Norris was sentenced by the Hon. Nauman S. Scott, District Judge, to a suspended three year term of imprisonment, followed by a two year special parole term, and was placed on supervised probation for a period of three years. As a special condition of the probation, Dr. Norris was ordered to provide continuous medical service for a period of three months at a medical institution approved by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") and the United States Probation Office. The court's order also enjoined Dr. Norris from prescribing, dispensing or administering controlled substances except in the usual course of medical practice and for a legitimate medical purpose. And in connection with the sentencing, the court recommended to the Board "that Dr. Norris' medical license be suspended for the duration of [the required medical] service and that he be granted an institutional permit to work in such hospital, clinic or medical institution for the duration of such service."

The offense to which Dr. Norris pled guilty and for which he was convicted and sentenced would constitute a violation of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, LSA-R.S. 37:1261-91, and, upon notice of such violation and proof

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of the same at an administrative hearing, provide lawful cause for the suspension or revocation of Dr. Norris's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana.*

Recognizing his right to have such charges adjudicated pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955-58 and to a final decision rendered upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, Dr. Norris, together with his undersigned legal counsel, nonetheless hereby waives his right to notice of violation, administrative adjudication and written findings of fact and conclusions of law and, pursuant to LSA-R.S. 49:955D, consents to entry of the following order.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing,

*LSA-R.S. 37:1285 provides, in pertinent part:

The board . . . may suspend or revoke any license or permit . . . issued under this Part for the following causes:

(1) Conviction of a crime or entry of a plea of guilty . . . to a criminal charge;

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(6) Prescribing, dispensing or administering . . . legally controlled substances in other than a legal or legitimate manner.

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and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by
LSA-R.S. 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. 49:955D,

IT IS ORDERED that the license of John G. Norris,
Jr., M.D., to practice medicine in the state of
Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 11308, be,
and the same is hereby, suspended for a period of
three years, effective December 20, 1982 through
December 19, 1985.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the foregoing order
of suspension be, and the same is hereby, suspended,
except for that period beginning December 20, 1982
and ending January 19, 1983, during which time the
order of suspension shall remain in full force and
effect; provided, however, that Dr. Norris accept and
strictly comply with the following probationary terms,
conditions and restrictions:

- A. Dr. Norris shall strictly comply with
all probationary conditions imposed
upon him pursuant to the Judgment and
Probation/Commitment Order of December
17, 1982 in United States v. John G.
Norris, Jr., M.D., No. CR-82-30012-01
(U.S.D. Ct., W.D. La.)..
- B. Consistent with such probationary con-
ditions, for a period of three continu-
ous and consecutive months during the
three year term of suspension herein-
above ordered, Dr. Norris shall provide
medical services to and shall engage

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in the practice of medicine only at an institution approved by the Board. Before such service begins, Dr. Norris shall obtain the Board's written approval of the institution, of the nature of the physician's services at such institution and the dates during which such services will be provided. During the term of such service, Dr. Norris's medical license will be limited to and issued in the form of an Institutional Temporary Permit.

- C. Dr. Norris shall not prescribe, dispense or administer Schedule II controlled substances as defined, enumerated or included in 21 C.F.R. § 1308.12 or LSA-R.S. 40:964 (Schedule II) or any substance which may be hereafter designated a Schedule II controlled substance by amendment or revision of the cited regulation or statute.
- D. Dr. Norris shall not prescribe, dispense or administer diazepam, flurazepam or phentermine, now shall he prescribe, dispense or administer any amphetamine, dextroamphetamine, sympathomimetic amine or any other anorexic (anorectic) substance.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth herein shall be deemed just cause for the suspension or revocation of the medical license of John G. Norris, Jr., M.D. or for such other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. 37:1285.

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New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27 day of January, 1983.

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