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In the Matter of :  
ROBERT LIGON ROSS, M.D. :  
("Dr. Ross") :

## CONSENT ORDER

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") on the application for renewal of the Louisiana license of Robert Ligon Ross, M.D. ("Dr. Ross").

The physician, who currently practices medicine in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, seeks renewal to keep his Louisiana license current, although he is not practicing in Louisiana at this time, nor does he expect to do so in the future.

Dr. Ross has suffered from drug and alcohol dependency. In August of 1984, Dr. Ross entered the Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center at Pine Grove Recovery Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, under the direction of Dr. Doyle P. Smith. On September 21, 1984, by order of the Arkansas State Medical Board, Dr. Ross' Arkansas license to practice medicine was suspended.

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Dr. Ross was discharged from the program on November 28, 1984, to enter into a two year aftercare monitoring phase, with the recommendation that he be returned to the active practice of medicine pursuant to the terms of his aftercare contract. As Dr. Ross appropriately addressed his substance dependency and successfully completed a drug rehabilitation program, his license to practice medicine in Arkansas was reinstated by the Arkansas State Medical Board on December 31, 1984, upon the condition that Dr. Ross voluntarily surrender his Drug Enforcement Administration registration until such time as he reappears before the Arkansas State Medical Board to request permission to reapply.

Based upon all of the information made available to and considered by it, the Board has determined that the public interest will best be served by the renewal of the Louisiana license to practice medicine of Robert Ligon Ross, M.D., subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions hereinafter set forth. Being apprised of the nature of such licensure and the terms, conditions and restrictions proposed by the Board, Dr. Ross has agreed and hereby consents to renewal of his Louisiana license on the specified terms. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED, that the Louisiana license to practice medicine of Robert Ligon Ross, M.D., effective as of January 1, 1985 and expiring on the 31st day of December, 1985, be renewed, provided however, that such license, and Dr. Ross' exercise of his rights and privileges thereunder, be

expressly subject to Dr. Ross' acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms, conditions and restrictions:

- A. Dr. Ross shall continue to participate in the aftercare program set forth by the Arkansas State Medical Board.
- B. Dr. Ross shall authorize Carl H. Bell, Jr., M.A.C., M.D., Dr. Ross' aftercare sponsor, to render quarterly written reports to the Board, respecting Dr. Bell's observations of Dr. Ross' professional performance and continued progress in the aftercare program.
- C. Dr. Ross shall abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and all other mind-altering chemicals, except those prescribed by another physician, and shall report to Dr. Bell all personal use of prescription drugs and the name of the prescribing physician.
- D. Dr. Ross shall, to the extent required by the Arkansas State Medical Board, comply with the terms, conditions, restrictions and requirements imposed by such Board in its Order of December 31, 1984, until relieved of such requirements by such Board.
- E. Dr. Ross shall voluntarily surrender his DEA registration to prescribe controlled substances in Louisiana until such time as Dr. Ross appears before the Board to request permission to reapply.
- F. Dr. Ross shall notify the Board in the event that he relocates his practice to Louisiana or any other state.

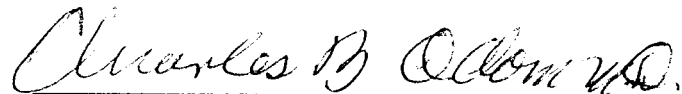
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth hereinafter shall be deemed just cause for the revocation of Dr. Ross' Louisiana license, or for such other disciplinary

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action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes set forth in LSA-R.S. 37:1285.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_ day of 7/25, 1985 85

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CHARLES B. ODOM, M.D.  
PRESIDENT

I HEREBY acknowledge, approve and accept the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the above and foregoing CONSENT ORDER, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of July, 1985.

  
ROBERT LIGON ROSS, M.D.