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In Re:	:	
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Application of	:	
BRUCE ARNOLD WILLIAMS, M.D.	:	CONSENT ORDER
For Medical Licensure	:	FOR ISSUANCE OF
	:	MEDICAL LICENSE

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This matter is before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") on the application of Bruce A. Williams, M.D. for a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, on the basis of reciprocity. Dr. Williams is a 1982 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham, Alabama, where he later partially completed a residency program in family practice. He currently holds medical licensure in good standing in Alabama and currently holds a provisional temporary permit while participating in a family practice residency at the Baton Rouge General Hospital.

While it appears from information available to the Board, as supplied by Dr. Williams's application and otherwise, that the physician is generally qualified for licensure, it also appears that Dr. Williams has suffered from addiction to and dependence on alcohol and cocaine, for which he received treatment from January to May 1989 at the Talbott Marsh Recovery Center, College Park, Georgia following which he entered into a monitored recovery program and advocacy contract with the Physicians Recovery Network, the Alabama impaired physicians program.

In connection with his application, Dr. Williams appeared before the Physicians Health Committee of the Board on December 6, 1995, at which time it appeared that since his treatment, Dr. Williams had maintained sobriety from the use of controlled substances and has been compliant in all respects with all stipulations of his advocacy agreement, including multiple negative urine drugs screens. In the course of the Committee's interview, Dr. Williams advised that he had been an active participant in the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) program, though his attendance at AA and Caduceus Club meetings had become less frequent recently, with his preparation for the SPEX examination and the demands of his residency schedule. He indicated his willingness, if licensed in Louisiana, to resume regular participation pursuant to regular attendance at weekly meetings and to enter into an aftercare treatment contract, for a term of five years, with the Physicians Health Program (the "Louisiana PHP") of the Louisiana State Medical Society. Based on such representations and on the information relevant to his application, the Physicians Health Committee has recommended that medical licensure be issued to Dr. Williams conditioned on his participation in the Louisiana PHP.[†]

[†]Dr. Williams is also recommended for licensure by his Alabama recovery program. Letter, G.L. Summer, M.D., Med. Dir., Physicians Recovery Network, Med. Ass'n of the State of Alabama, to Z. Dauzat, La. State Bd. Med. Exam. (Jul. 11, 1995).

Upon the information and circumstances presented, the Board is persuaded that the public interest will be properly protected and served by the issuance to Dr. Williams of a license to practice medicine, subject to his acceptance of and compliance with appropriate terms and conditions relating to his continuing after-care treatment. And by his subscription hereto, Dr. Williams hereby consents to entry of the order set forth below and to issuance of licensure pursuant thereto. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that a license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana shall be issued to Bruce Arnold Williams, M.D., the issuance of such license and Dr. Williams's continuing maintenance of such licensure being conditioned upon and subject to his acceptance of and strict compliance with the following terms and conditions:

(a) Participation in Physicians' Health Program. Within 10 days of the date of this Order, Dr. Williams shall enter into and execute a treatment contract with the Physicians Health Program of the Louisiana State Medical Society, through the Physicians Health Committee in the parish where Dr. Williams may reside or practice, for a term of five years, designating both a primary treating physician and a monitoring physician acceptable to the Physicians Health Committee and to the Board, and shall cause a copy of such contract to be furnished to the Board within five days of its execution. Dr. Williams shall authorize and cause his treating and monitoring physicians to submit to the Board, as the Board may request, written reports on Dr. Williams's then-current treatment program, diagnosis, prognosis, and his compliance with the terms, conditions and restrictions of this Order.

(b) Maintenance of Abstinence. Dr. Williams shall maintain complete and total abstinence from the use of alcohol and other mood-altering substances, except as may be prescribed, administered or dispensed for him by a duly licensed and authorized practitioner, other than himself, for a legitimate medical purpose.

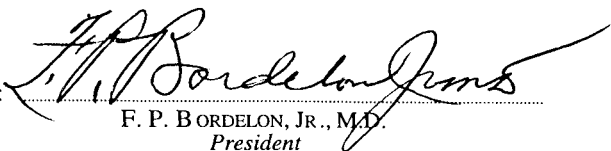
(c) Personal Appearances Before Physicians Health Committee. Dr. Williams shall make arrangements to and shall personally appear before the Physicians Health Committee of the Board at its meeting preceding expiration of five years from the date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of or failure of strict compliance with any of the restrictions set forth in this Order by Dr. Williams shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation of Dr. Williams's license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, or for such other disciplinary action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violation were enumerated among the causes provided by La. Rev. Stat. § 371285(A).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is and shall be deemed to be and treated as a public record in all respects.

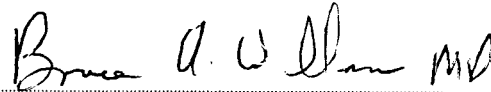
Marksville, Louisiana, this 20th day of January, 1996.

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By: 
F. P. BORDELON, JR., M.D.
President

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSENT**

I, BRUCE A. WILLIAMS, M.D., hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Order, this 10th day of April, 19 96.



BRUCE A. WILLIAMS, M.D.