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BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of
STEPHEN G. NJOROGE, M.D.
Holder of License No. 46643
For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine in the
State of Arizona.

Case No: MD-23-1226A

**REQUEST FOR LICENSE
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE
WITH CAUSE**

1. I, Stephen G. Njoroge, M.D. ("Respondent"), am the holder of License No. 46643 to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

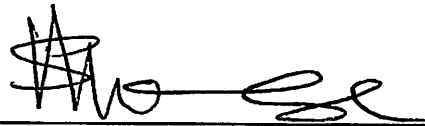
2. I hereby request that, effective at 5:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order, the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to practice allopathic medicine number 46643 pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1452(F). I participated in the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP"), from November 6, 2014 through November 6, 2016 and no longer qualify for a confidential Board Order.

3. I will not practice medicine in Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I practice medicine while my license is inactive I will be practicing medicine without a license and/or without being exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to practice medicine in Arizona until I complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs as required by A.R.S. § 32-1452(F) and subsequently complete an assessment with the Board's PHP Contractor, and the Board is in receipt of the assessment findings and recommendations. I

1 understand that I may also be required to complete other evaluations if deemed necessary
2 by the Board. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present evidence satisfactory
3 to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically competent and mentally and
4 physically able to safely practice medicine in the State of Arizona.

5 DATED this 15th day of February 2024.

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8 STEPHEN G. NJOROGE, M.D.

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10 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 11 1. Respondent currently holds an active license to practice medicine in this state.
- 12 2. Respondent was under a Board stipulation or probationary order pursuant to
13 A.R.S. § 32-1452 that is no longer in effect.
- 14 3. On December 13, 2023, the Board received a self-report from Respondent
15 stating that he received a DUI on December 7, 2023.
- 16 4. Respondent underwent a PHP Assessment with a Board-approved Assessor.
17 During the Assessment, Respondent disclosed a pattern of using alcohol. Based on the
18 Assessment's findings, the Assessor recommended that Respondent re-enter the PHP and
19 comply with recommendations for treatment and monitoring.
- 20 5. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), Respondent has requested that his license to
21 practice medicine in the State of Arizona be placed on the status of Inactive with Cause.

22 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

- 23 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
24 Licensee.

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2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) (“Exhibiting a pattern of using or being under the influence of alcohol or drugs or a similar substance while practicing medicine or to the extent that judgment may be impaired and the practice of medicine detrimentally affected..”) and A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) (“Committing any conduct or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the public.”).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. License number 46643 held by Respondent is Inactivated with Cause.
2. Before Respondent can request that his license be reactivated, he shall successfully complete a long-term care residential program, an inpatient hospital treatment program, an intensive outpatient treatment program or any combination of these programs and shall meet the applicable requirements of A.R.S. §32-1431(D).
3. Once Respondent has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it should refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the license or to place Respondent on probation for a minimum of five (5) years with restrictions necessary to ensure public safety.

DATED this 15th day of February, 2024.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: Patricia E. McSorley
Patricia E. McSorley
Executive Director

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