

BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

In the Matter of

LAURA K. SHERMAN, M.D.

Holder of License No. 34716
For the Practice of Medicine
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-16-0059A

**ORDER FOR SURRENDER
OF LICENSE AND CONSENT
TO THE SAME**

Laura K. Sherman, M.D. ("Respondent") elects to permanently waive any right to a hearing and appeal with respect to this Order for Surrender of License; admits the jurisdiction of the Arizona Medical Board ("Board") and the facts stated herein; and consents to the entry of this Order by the Board.

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. Respondent is the holder of License No. 34716 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board initiated case number MD-16-0059A after receiving a complaint from a health care provider alleging that Respondent had been impaired at work while seeing patients on multiple occasions between August 2015 and January 2016.

4. Along with the complaint, the Board received witness statements supporting the allegation that Respondent was impaired while treating patients and had an ongoing substance abuse problem.

5. Respondent presented for an assessment with the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP") Contractor on January 21, 2016 and was found to be unsafe to practice with treatment recommended.

1 3. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
 2 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(r) ([v]iolating a formal order, probation, consent
 3 agreement or stipulation issued or entered into by the board or its executive director under
 4 the provisions of this chapter.").

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

7 1. Respondent immediately surrender License Number 34716, issued to Laura
 8 K. Sherman, M.D., for the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona, and
 9 return her certificate of licensure to the Board.

10 2. This Order supersedes all previous consent agreements and stipulations
 11 between the Board and/or the Executive Director and Respondent, and is the final
 12 resolution of this matter.

13 DATED and effective this 9th day of December, 2016.

ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

16 By: Patricia E. McSorley
 17 Patricia E. McSorley
 18 Executive Director

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

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2 1. Respondent has read and understands this Consent Agreement and the
3 stipulated Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Order"). Respondent
4 acknowledges she has the right to consult with legal counsel regarding this matter.

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

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

11 4. The Order is not effective until approved by the Board and signed by its
12 Executive Director.

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

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

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7. This Order is a public record that will be publicly disseminated as a formal disciplinary action of the Board and will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank and on the Board's web site as a disciplinary action.

8. If the Board does not adopt this Order, Respondent will not assert as a defense that the Board's consideration of the Order constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment or other similar defense.

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

Laura Sherman MD
LAURA K. SHERMAN, M.D.

Dated: *December 3, 2016*

EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed by US Mail this *9th* day of *December*, 2016 to:

Laura K. Sherman, M.D.
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this *9th* day of *December*, 2016 with:

The Arizona Medical Board
9545 East Doubletree Ranch Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Mary Raley
Board Staff)