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10 **BEFORE THE**
OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
11 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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13 In the Matter of the Interim Order Against:

Case No. 900-2023-000406

OAH No. 2024110892

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15 **ALEXANDER HAZEL, D.O.**

**STIPULATION OF THE PARTIES RE:
INTERIM ORDER, NOTICED
HEARING, AND TIME WAIVER;
ORDER THEREON**

16 **2510 N. California Street**
Stockton, CA 95204-5502

17 **Osteopathic Physician's and Surgeon's**
18 **Certificate No. 20A 8379**

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20 Respondent.
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23 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-
24 entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:

25 **PARTIES**

26 1. Petitioner Erika Calderon is the Executive Director of the Osteopathic Medical Board
27 of California (Board), and is represented in the above-entitled matter by Rob Bonta, Attorney
28 General of the State of California, by Deputy Attorney General Kalev Kaseoru.

1 2. Respondent Alexander Hazel, D.O. (Respondent) is represented in this proceeding by
2 Peter Osinoff, Esq., of Boone, Bridges, whose address is 355 South Grand Avenue, Suite 1750,
3 Los Angeles, CA, 90071-1562.

4 **JURISDICTION**

5 3. On or about September 26, 2003, the Osteopathic Medical Board issued Osteopathic
6 Physician and Surgeon's Certificate No. 20A 8379 to Alexander Hazel, D.O. ("Respondent").
7 The Osteopathic Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times
8 relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2024, unless renewed.

9 4. Pursuant to the provisions of California Government Code section 11529, an
10 administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel established pursuant to section
11 11371 may issue an interim order suspending a license, or imposing drug testing, continuing
12 education, supervision of procedures, or other license restrictions. Interim orders may be issued
13 only if the affidavits in support of the petition show that the licensee has engaged in, or is about to
14 engage in, acts or omissions constituting a violation of the Medical Practice Act or the
15 appropriate practice act governing each allied health profession, or is unable to practice safely due
16 to a mental or physical condition, and that permitting the licensee to continue to engage in the
17 profession for which the license was issued will endanger the public health, safety, or welfare.

18 **FACTUAL BASIS FOR INTERIM ORDER**

19 5. For the purposes of this proceeding or any other proceedings in which the Board or
20 another professional licensing agency is involved, Respondent admits that he has abused alcohol
21 and suffers from an alcohol use disorder for which he has been in treatment for well over a year.
22 However, the parties agree that he is unable to safely practice medicine at this time without any
23 restrictions or conditions. The circumstances are as follows:

24 6. On or about May 30, 2023, a formal investigation of Respondent was begun by the
25 Chief of Staff at the hospital where he was employed. The investigation concerned allegations
26 that Respondent was intoxicated while on duty.

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1 7. Respondent took a leave of absence and underwent a psychiatric evaluation by an
2 addiction specialist and was admitted to an intensive outpatient program to treat his alcohol
3 addiction.

4 8. On August 2, 2023, Respondent enrolled in the Maximus program. On November 27,
5 2023, Respondent entered and successfully completed a ninety day residential treatment program
6 for professionals, which was followed by an eight-week intensive outpatient program.

7 9. On April 8, 2024, Respondent agreed to voluntary mental and physical
8 examination(s) by a Board selected physician.

9 10. On or about June 6, and 7, 2024, Respondent was interviewed by Dr. B on behalf of
10 the Board. Dr. B diagnosed Respondent with the following disorder which rendered him unsafe to
11 practice medicine:

12 a) Alcohol use disorder, moderate to severe, in early remission;

13 11. Dr. B concluded that Respondent was unable to safely practice medicine without
14 continuing his program of recovery, and that his continued practice of medicine without any
15 restrictions or conditions posed a present danger or threat to the public health, welfare and safety.

16 12. On July 16, 2024, Respondent signed a contract with Maximus for their Recovery
17 Program. To date, Respondent remains successfully enrolled in Maximus, with no reported
18 violations of program conditions.

19 **RESERVATION**

20 13. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this
21 proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board or another professional licensing agency
22 is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

23 14. Respondent agrees to the issuance of an Interim Order under Government Code
24 section 11529, immediately restricting his Osteopathic Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate No.
25 20A 8379, and remaining in effect until further order from the Osteopathic Medical Board of
26 California.

27 15. Respondent agrees that he may practice medicine provided he comply with the
28 following conditions:

1 a. Respondent shall completely abstain from the use of any products or beverages
2 containing alcohol.

3 b. Respondent shall continue to be monitored with the Sober Link alcohol
4 monitoring system through the Board Diversion Program at least three (3) times a day at random.
5 Respondent shall arrange to have the results submitted to the Board on a daily basis. If any
6 amount of alcohol is detected in Respondent's system, he shall immediately cease practice, and
7 the Board shall determine whether the test result is in fact evidence of alcohol use by
8 communicating with Respondent, his or her treating physician(s), other health care provider(s), or
9 group facilitator, as applicable.

10 c. Respondent shall continue to participate in the Board diversion program, as
11 already begun.

12 d. Respondent shall attend Physician Assistance Group meetings at least twice a
13 week.

14 e. Respondent shall attend Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) meetings or its
15 equivalent five times a week.

16 f. Respondent shall meet, either in person or remotely, with an AA sponsor twice
17 a week.

18 g. Respondent shall attend an aftercare support group once a week.

19 i. Each week, at least one of the above-required AA (or equivalent) meetings shall
20 be a Caduceus meeting.

21 j. Respondent shall continue individual psychotherapy with Jonathan Schlinger,
22 Psy.D. on a weekly basis.

23 k. Respondent shall continue to submit to random drug and alcohol screenings.

24 l. Respondent shall provide documentation and proof of compliance with the
25 above conditions to the Board on a weekly basis.

26 16. In consideration of the foregoing, Petitioner agrees to file this stipulation with the
27 Office of Administrative Hearings in Sacramento.

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1 17. Based on the foregoing stipulations and agreements, the parties agree that an Interim
2 Order should be issued, restricting Respondent’s Osteopathic Physician’s and Surgeon’s
3 Certificate No. 20A 8379 in accordance with the terms and conditions of paragraph 15, which
4 shall remain in effect until further order from the Osteopathic Medical Board of California.

5 18. Any motion to vacate the Interim Order issued in this case shall be filed in
6 accordance with the provisions of Title 1, California Code of Regulations, sections 1006 and
7 1022. However, no such motion may be heard on an ex parte basis and any motion to vacate the
8 Interim Order issued in this case shall be served on Petitioner’s counsel and filed with the Office
9 of Administrative Hearings no less than thirty (30) business days prior to any hearing on the
10 motion. Once served and filed, no such motion shall be decided without first affording the parties
11 the opportunity to present oral argument.

12 **WAIVERS**

13 19. Respondent is fully aware of all of his rights under California Government Code
14 section 11529, subdivision (d), to a noticed hearing on the issue of whether an interim order
15 should be issued in the above-entitled matter, and all other rights accorded to him under
16 California Government Code section 11529, subdivision (d), at which he is entitled, at a
17 minimum, to all of the following rights:

18 (a) To be represented by counsel.

19 (b) To have a record made of the proceedings, copies of which may be obtained
20 by the licentiate upon payment of any reasonable charges associated with the record.

21 (c) To present written evidence in the form of relevant declarations, affidavits,
22 and documents. The discretion of the administrative law judge to permit testimony at the
23 hearing conducted pursuant to this section shall be identical to the discretion of a
24 superior court judge to permit testimony at a hearing conducted pursuant to Section 527
25 of the Code of Civil Procedure.

26 (d) To present oral argument.

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1 20. Having had the benefit of counsel, Respondent hereby knowingly, intelligently, freely
2 and voluntarily waives and gives up each and every one of the rights set forth and/or referenced in
3 paragraph 19, above.

4 21. Respondent is fully aware of all of his rights under Government Code section 11529,
5 subdivisions (f) and (g), which state as follows:

6 (f) In all cases in which an interim order is issued, and an accusation or petition
7 to revoke probation is not filed and served pursuant to Sections 11503 and 11505
8 within 30 days of the date on which the parties to the hearing on the interim order have
9 submitted the matter, the order shall be dissolved. Upon service of the accusation or
10 petition to revoke probation the licensee shall have, in addition to the rights granted by
11 this section, all of the rights and privileges available as specified in this chapter. If the
12 licensee requests a hearing on the accusation, the board shall provide the licensee with
13 a hearing within 30 days of the request, unless the licensee stipulates to a later hearing,
14 and a decision within 15 days of the date the decision is received from the
15 administrative law judge, or the board shall nullify the interim order previously issued,
16 unless good cause can be shown by the Division of Medical Quality for a delay.

17 (g) If an interim order is issued, a written decision shall be prepared within 15
18 days of the hearing, by the administrative law judge, including findings of fact and a
19 conclusion articulating the connection between the evidence produced at the hearing
20 and the decision reached.

21 22. Respondent hereby specifically, knowingly, intelligently, freely and voluntarily
22 waives and gives up his right to an expedited hearing on any Accusation to be filed in this matter,
23 and the expedited issuance of a proposed decision within fifteen (15) days, all of which he is
24 entitled to under Government Code section 11529, subdivisions (f) and (g).

25 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

26 23. The parties hereby stipulate that all proceedings in the above-entitled Interim Order
27 shall be conducted at the Office of Administrative Hearings located in Sacramento, California.

28 24. The parties further stipulate that copies of this Stipulation of the Parties Re: Interim
Order and the Interim Order, including copies of signatures appearing thereon, may be used in
lieu of original documents and signatures and, further, that such copies and signatures shall have
the same force and effect as originals.

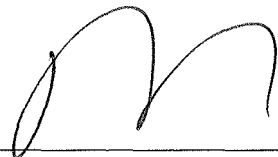
Dated: November 16, 2024



ALEXANDER HAZEL, D.O.
Respondent

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Dated: November 18, 2024



PETER OSINOFF, ESQ.
Counsel for Respondent

Dated: December 3, 2024



ROB BONTA
Attorney General of California
By KALEV KASEORU
Deputy Attorney General
Attorneys for Petitioner

INTERIM ORDER

Based on the foregoing stipulations and agreements, an Interim Order is hereby issued, immediately restricting Osteopathic Physician’s and Surgeon’s Certificate No. 20A 8379, heretofore issued by the Osteopathic Medical Board of California to Respondent Alexander Hazel, D.O., in accordance with the requirements stated in paragraph 15, above which shall remain in effect until further order from the Osteopathic Medical Board of California. Any motion to vacate this Interim Order shall be filed in accordance with the provisions of Title 1, California Code of Regulations, sections 1006 and 1022. However, no such motion may be heard on an ex parte basis and any motion to vacate this Interim Order shall be served on Petitioner’s counsel and filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings no less than thirty (30) business days prior to any hearing on the motion. Once served and filed, no such motion shall be decided without first affording the parties the opportunity to present oral argument.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 3rd day of December, 2024.



Heather M. Rowan (Dec 3, 2024 16:13 PST)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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