STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical Competency)) Complainant,)

vs.

COMPLAINT

L. Mark Bell, M.D.,

Respondent.

The complainant respectfully shows to the Board as follows:

Ι.

The Commission on Medical Competency is authorized pursuant to NDCC Chapter 43-17.1 to conduct investigations related to the practice of any physician licensed to practice in this state and file a formal complaint against any licensed physician with the State Board of Medical Examiners.

II.

The respondent, Mark Bell, M.D., is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of North Dakota.

III.

The respondent, Mark Bell, M.D., has been convicted of a misdemeanor that has a direct bearing on the respondent's ability to serve the public as a practitioner of medicine within the meaning of NDCC §43-17-31(6), specifically,

The respondent was convicted of simple assault in September of 1993 which is classified as a misdemeanor.

WHEREFORE, complainant respectfully requests:

The license of the respondent authorizing him to practice medicine in the state of North Dakota shall be revoked by reason of the respondent's misdemeanor conviction of simple assault which has a direct bearing on his ability to practice medicine, pursuant to the provisions of NDCC §43-17-30.1.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14⁴ day of April, 1994.

COMMISSION ON MERICAL COMPETENCY By OLSON Μ.

SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical Competency,) Complainant,) vs.) L. Mark Bell, M.D.,) Respondent.)

ADMISSION OF SERVICE

COMES NOW, the undersigned respondent and hereby admits service of the enclosed COMPLAINT this 20 day of April, 1994, in the above-entitled matter.

L. Mark Bell, M.D.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical Competency,

Complainant,

STIPULATION

-vs-

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L. Mark Bell, D.O.,

Respondent.

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners issued a complaint seeking to revoke the respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of North Dakota pursuant to NDCC §43-17-31 (6); and

WHEREAS, the respondent agrees that the facts alleged in the complaint of the Commission on Medical Competency dated April 14, 1994, are true and are grounds for disciplinary action by the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners and that the terms of this stipulation are appropriate;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY agreed by and between the parties to this action and the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"):

- 1. The respondent hereby waives any procedural irregularity herein and his right to hearing on the complaint now pending in this action;
- 2. The Board will enter an order placing the respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of North Dakota on probation for a period of two years. During this time the respondent shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

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A. The respondent shall abstain from the use of alcohol or drugs and will be monitored through testing procedures adopted by the Board.

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- B. The respondent shall undergo individual psychotherapy in accordance with a program selected and/or approved by the Board.
- C. The respondent shall execute a medical release form with the Board and copies of reports from said therapy shall be furnished directly to the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners or its authorized agent.
- D. The respondent shall complete the probationary term arising out of his recent criminal charges with no further violations of the law, with the exception of minor traffic related offenses.
- E. That if the administration of St. Joseph's Hospital has any indications or concerns regarding the respondent's practice, they shall be required to bring it to the attention of the Board, and would also pursue a peer review or chart review of the respondent's practice. The respondent shall provide a copy of this Stipulation and Order of the Board once executed by all parties to the proper administrative personnel.
- F. During the period of this agreement, L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall permit the Board or its authorized agents to have free access to all records relating to medical services provided by him to patients and shall answer questions and disclose information thereon as requested by the Board or its authorized agents.

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- G. In the event L. Mark Bell, D.O., should change his current address to reside or practice at any other place, he shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the new location as well as the dates of departure and return.
- H. The respondent shall reimburse the Board for all fees and expenses resulting from this agreement. This includes all attorney fees and costs through the final disposition of this case. The Board will notify the respondent of any such costs within a reasonable time after the execution of the Order and the respondent shall make payment within thirty (30) days from said notification. Such fees and expenses shall not exceed \$300.00.
- 3. If L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with any of the terms, provisions, or conditions herein, the license of the respondent to practice medicine in the State of North Dakota shall be revoked.
- 4. In the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this settlement, this stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that L. Mark Bell, D.O., agrees that should the Board reject this stipulation, and if this case proceeds to hearing, L. Mark Bell, D.O., will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this stipulation or of any records relating hereto.
- 5. That this agreement for the disposition of the above-entitled contested case is a matter of public record and the obligations of the Board with respect

thereto shall be governed by the laws of North Dakota and current Board policy.

- 6. That all parties hereto recognize that Board representatives who have engaged in discussions relative to an agreed disposition of this matter can only make recommendations to the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners, which recommendation can in no way be considered as binding upon the full membership of the Board who would ultimately decide the pending contested case, and this agreement is subject to acceptance by the full membership of the Board.
- 7. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., understands that he has the right and has been afforded the opportunity to have this agreement reviewed by his attorneys, and that in the event he chooses to execute this document without taking the opportunity to avail himself of this right, such failure shall be deemed to be a waiver of such right.
- 8. L. Mark Bell, D.O., specifically waives any claim that any disclosures made to the full membership of the Board for the purposes of the consideration of this agreement have prejudiced his rights to a fair and impartial hearing in the event this agreement is not accepted by the full Board and if further proceedings ensue.
- 9. L. Mark Bell, D.O., further agrees that there have been no inducements, threats or promises made in order to obtain his entry into this agreement.
- 10. That the parties further agree that all statements contained herein are based

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upon the facts known to the Board on the date of execution of this agreement.

Dated this 13 day of October, 1994.

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Dated this $\underline{\cancel{8}}$ day of $\underbrace{\cancel{0}}_{\text{October}}$, 1994.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Rolf 'P Sletten Executive Secretary/Treasurer

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical Competency,))
Complainant,)
vs.) ORDER
L. Mark Bell, D.O.,	
Respondent.)

Based upon the Stipulation dated October 13, 1994, it is the Order of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners that License No. 6341 previously issued to L. Mark Bell, D.O., is hereby placed on probation for a period of two years in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43-17, NDCC. This Order of Probation is hereby issued upon the terms and conditions agreed to by and between the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners and L. Mark Bell, D.O., as contained in the Stipulation dated October 13, 1994, and the same shall be incorporated in its entirety and shall constitute the further order of this Board.

Dated this 18 day of October, 1994.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS Bv: 501

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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IN	RE:	
L.	MARK BELL,	D.O.

O R D E R LICENSE NO. 6341

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners finds that L. Mark Bell, D.O., has complied with all of the terms and conditions specified in its Order dated November 18, 1994, it is hereby the Order of the Board that North Dakota Medical License No. 6341 issued to L. Mark Bell, D.O., on March 20, 1992, is no longer encumbered by the terms and conditions specified in the Board's Order of November 18, 1994. Dr. Bell's license to practice medicine in North Dakota continues to be encumbered by the terms and conditions specified at the time of his initial licensure on March 20, 1992.

Dated this 2/ day of March, 1997.

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TERRY L. WOLFF, Ď.O. Chairman

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Coreen K. Redmann being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: That she is a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18, and that on the $\frac{23}{2}$ day of April, 1997, this affiant personally mailed a copy of the

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by placing a true copy in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) named below, at the address(s) stated below, and by depositing said envelope with the United States Postal Service at Bismarck, North Dakota.

> L. Mark Bell, D.O. P.O. Box 2089 Minot, ND 58702-2089

That the above documents were duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

COREEN K. REDMANN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this <u>23 nd</u> day of April, 1997.

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Notary Public Burleigh County, North Dakota My Commission Expires: $\approx -16 - 99$

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical)
Competency,)
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vs.)
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L. Mark Bell, D.O.,)
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Respondent.)

ORDER RESTORING UNCONDITIONAL LICENSURE

WHEREAS, the members of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners find that the Respondent, L. Mark Bell, D.O., has complied with all the terms and conditions which encumbered License No. 6341 since the time that license was issued on April 22, 1992, it is the Order of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners that License No. 6341 issued to L. Mark Bell, D.O., is hereby restored to unconditional status.

Dated this 27 day of March, 1998.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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MUKESH V. PATEL, M.D. Chairman

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Coreen K. Redmann being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: That she is a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18, and that on the $\frac{24}{2}$ day of April, 1998, this affiant personally mailed the following:

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ORDER RESTORING UNCONDITIONAL LICENSURE DATED 3-27-98

by placing a true copy in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) named below, at the address(s) stated below, and by depositing said envelope with the United States Postal Service at Bismarck, North Dakota to:

L. Mark Bell, D.O. 1600 2nd Ave. SW, #20 Minot, ND 58701 (Sent by certified mail) Donald L. Peterson Attorney At Law P.O. Box 970 Minot, ND 58702-0970

and that the above document was duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North

Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

COREEN_K. RÈDMANI

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\underline{24}$ day of April, 1998.

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Notary Public Burleigh County, North Dakota My Commission Expires: 2-16-99

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Commission on Medical Competency,

vs.

L. Mark Bell, D.O.,

Respondent.

Complainant,

COMPLAINT

Complainant respectfully shows to the Board as follows:

I.

The Commission on Medical Competency is authorized pursuant to N.D.C.C. Chapter 43-17.1 to conduct investigations related to the practice of any physician licensed to practice in this state and file a formal complaint against any licensed physician with the State Board of Medical Examiners.

II.

Respondent, L. Mark Bell, D.O. is a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of North Dakota.

III.

Respondent has engaged in the prescription, sale, administration, distribution, or gift of any drug legally classified as a controlled substance or as an addictive or dangerous drug for other than medically therapeutic purposes within the meaning of N.D.C.C. § 43-17-31(17), specifically:

Respondent has engaged in the inappropriate use of prescription practices, including but not limited to, excessive prescribing.

WHEREFORE, Complainant respectfully requests:

The license of Respondent, L. Mark Bell, D.O. authorizing him to practice medicine in the state of North Dakota shall be revoked, or other appropriate action taken, by reason of Respondent's excessive prescribing pursuant to the provisions of N.D.C.C. § 43-17-30.1.

Dated at Bismarck, North Dakota, $\frac{157}{2}$ day of December, 1998.

COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COMPETENCY

By:

John M. Olson ID#03053 Special Assistant Attorney General

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

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Commission on Medical Competency,

Complainant,

vs.

L. Mark Bell, D.O.,

ADMISSION OF SERVICE

Respondent.

COMES NOW, the undersigned respondent and hereby admits service of the enclosed COMPLAINT this day of November, 1998, in the above-entitled matter. December Januarg, 1999 M L. MARK BELL, D.O.

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STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical Competency, Complainant, vs. L. Mark Bell, D.O.,

Respondent.

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STIPULATION

WHEREAS, the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners issued a Complaint seeking to revoke Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of North Dakota pursuant to N.D.C.C. §43-17-31(17); and

WHEREAS, Respondent agrees that the facts alleged in the Complaint of the Commission on Medical Competency dated December 1, 1998, are true and are grounds for disciplinary action by the North Dakota Board of Medical Examiners and that the terms of this Stipulation are appropriate;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY agreed by and between the parties to this action and the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter "the Board"):

- Respondent hereby waives any procedural irregularity herein and his right to hearing on the Complaint now pending in this action;
- 2. The Board will enter an order placing the following conditions upon Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of North Dakota for a period of one (1) year:
 - A. Respondent shall require all of his new private practice patients, who are

not confined to a hospital or nursing home, who are not seen on behalf of North Central Human Service Center of Minot, a partial hospitalization program or while on call or consulting for another doctor, for whom he writes new prescriptions within said one year period to enter into a written agreement wherein the patient agrees to purchase all of the patient's prescriptions at a single pharmacy. The pharmacy shall be at the discretion of the patient and the facility's name shall be clearly stated in the agreement. Said agreement shall be maintained in the patient's medical chart."

B. Respondent shall practice proper prescribing practices.

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- C. Respondent shall successfully complete a course on proper prescribing practices within one (1) year from the date of this Stipulation. Said course shall be pre-approved by the Board and all costs and expenses relating to the successful completion of said course by Respondent shall be the responsibility of Respondent.
- D. In the event Respondent should change his current address to reside or practice at any other place, he shall promptly notify the Board in writing of the new location as well as the dates of departure and return.
- 3. If Respondent shall fail, neglect, or refuse to fully comply with any of the terms, provisions, or conditions herein, he shall be subject to discipline by the Board.
- In the event the Board, in its discretion, does not approve this settlement, this
 Stipulation is withdrawn and shall be of no evidentiary value and shall not be relied

upon nor introduced in any disciplinary action by either party hereto except that Respondent agrees that should the Board reject this Stipulation, and if this case proceeds to hearing, Respondent will assert no claim that the Board was prejudiced by its review and discussion of this Stipulation or of any records relating hereto.

- 5. That this agreement for the disposition of the above-entitled contested case is a matter of public record and the obligations of the Board with respect thereto shall be governed by the laws of North Dakota and current Board policy.
- 6. That all parties hereto recognize that Board representatives who have engaged in discussions relative to an agreed disposition of this matter can only make recommendations to the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners, which recommendation can in no way be considered as binding upon the full membership of the Board who would ultimately decide the pending contested case, and this agreement is subject to acceptance by the full membership of the Board.
- 7. That Respondent understands that he has the right and has been afforded the opportunity to have this agreement reviewed by his attorneys, and that in the event he chooses to execute this document without taking the opportunity to avail himself of this right, such failure shall be deemed to be a waiver of such right.
- 8. Respondent specifically waives any claim that any disclosures made to the full membership of the Board for the purposes of the consideration of this agreement have prejudiced his rights to a fair and impartial hearing in the event this agreement is not accepted by the full Board and if further proceedings ensue.

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- Respondent further agrees that there have been no inducements, threats or promises made in order to obtain his entry into this agreement.
- 10. That the parties further agree that all statements contained herein are based upon the facts known to the Board on the date of execution of this agreement.

Dated this 7^{th} day of June, 1999. July

L. Mark Bell, Jr., D.O.

Dated this _____ day of Larre, 1999.

NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION ON MEDICAL COMPETENCY

By

John M. Olson, ID#03053 Special Assistant Attorney General OLSON CICHY ATTORNEYS, P.C. 115 North 4th Street P. O. Box 817 Bismarck, ND 58502-0817 Phone: (701) 223-4524 Facsimile: (701) 223-0855

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical)	
Competency,)	
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VS.)	
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L. Mark Bell, D.O.)	
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Respondent.)	

It is the Order of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners that License No. 6341 previously issued to L. Mark Bell, D.O., is hereby limited and conditioned as specified in the Stipulation dated July 9, 1999, which was adopted by the Board on July 23, 1999, and the same shall be incorporated herein in its entirety and shall constitute the further Order of this Board.

Dated this <u>23</u> day of July, 1999

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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MUKESH V. PATEL, M.D. Chairman

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Coreen K. Redmann being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: That she is a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18, and that on the $\underline{J}^{\underline{t}\underline{t}\underline{t}}$ day of September, 1999, this affiant personally mailed the following:

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COMPLAINT DATED 12-1-98 STIPULATION DATED 7-9-99 ORDER DATED 7-23-99

by placing a true copy in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) named below, at the address(s) stated below, and by depositing said envelope with the United States Postal Service at Bismarck, North Dakota to:

> L. Mark Bell, D.O. 1600 2nd Ave. SW, #20 Minot, ND 58701 (Sent by certified mail)

R. James Maxson Attorney At Law Northland Professional Bldg. 600 22nd Ave. NW Minot, ND 58703

and that the above document was duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

COREEN K. REDMAN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $\underline{8}^{t\lambda}$ day of September, 1999.

Notary Public Burleigh County, North Dakota My Commission Expires:



STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

Commission on Medical)	
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Respondent.)	

WHEREAS, the members of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners find that the Respondent, L. Mark Bell, D.O., has complied with all the terms and conditions which encumbered License No. 6341 pursuant to the Board's Order of July 23, 1999, it is the Order of the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners that License No. 6341 issued to L. Mark Bell, D.O., is hereby restored to unconditional status.

Dated this 2/3+ day of July, 2000.

NORTH DAKOTA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Wallace E. RADTKE, M.D. By:

Chairman

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

Coreen K. Redmann being first duly sworn, on oath, deposes and says: That she is a citizen of the United States, over the age of 18, and that on the $\frac{17}{10}$ day of August, 2000, this affiant personally mailed the following

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ORDER RESTORING UNCONDITIONAL LICENSURE dated 7-21-2000

by placing a true copy in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) named below, at the address(s) stated below, and by depositing said envelope with the United States Postal Service at Bismarck, North Dakota to:

L. Mark Bell, D.O. 1600 2nd Ave. SW, #20 Minot, ND 58701 (sent by certified mail) R. James MaxsonAttorney At LawP.O. Box 998Minot, ND 58702-0998

and that the above document was duly mailed in accordance with the provisions of the North Dakota Rules of Civil Procedure.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this $17^{\prime\prime}$ day of August, 2000.

Notary Public Burleigh County, North Dakota My Commission Expires:

COREEN K. RÉDMANN





LICENSE NO. 6341

ISSUED TO L. (LLOYD) MARK BELL, JR., D.O.

This is to certify that on March 20, 1992, the North Dakota State Board of Medical Examiners issued License No. 6341 to L. Mark Bell, Jr., D.O., subject to each of the following terms and conditions:

1. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall completely abstain from the personal use of all controlled or prescription drugs unless prescribed for him by another duly licensed treating physician. L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall advise any treating physician of his previous history of chemical abuse.

2. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall abstain from the consumption of alcohol.

3. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall provide witnessed blood or urine samples upon demand by any agent or representative of the Board. The blood or urine samples will be used for drug and alcohol screening purposes, all costs of which shall be borne by L. Mark Bell, D.O.

4. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall regularly attend and participate in not less than one (1) meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics Anonymous each week and shall document such attendance pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph 8(c) of this document.

5. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., will obtain continued treatment or counseling by a physician or counselor

approved by the Board. Dr. Bell shall submit the names and curriculums vitae of three (3) physicians or counselors for approval within ten (10) days upon receipt of this document. As a condition of approval each physician or counselor shall agree, in writing, to submit to the Board a report concerning Dr. Bell's progress on a quarterly basis.

6. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall participate in antabuse therapy if such therapy is deemed necessary by his Board approved physician or counselor.

7. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall become associated with a North Dakota impaired physicians program and shall take advantage of, and participate in, the services offered by the program.

8. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall submit quarterly, notarized reports stating that there has been compliance with all the terms of this document. The quarterly report shall_include:

(a) A statement that he has abstained from the use of all controlled or prescription drugs not prescribed for him by another duly licensed, treating physician, as well as a list of all controlled or prescription drugs prescribed for him by another duly licensed, treating physician. The list shall include the name and amount of the drug prescribed, the reason for which the drug was prescribed, the date of the prescription, and the name of the prescribing physician.

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(b) A statement that he has abstained from the consumption of alcohol.

(c) A list of all Alcoholics Anonymous or Narcotics
Anonymous meetings that he has attended to include: (1)
written documentation of his attendance at each meeting
signed or initialed by another person in attendance, and
(2) the date, time and location of each meeting attended.
9. That L. Mark Bell, D.O., shall make appearances
before the Board or a committee of the Board as
requested. Dr. Bell shall be given reasonable notice of
the date, time and place for the appearance.

10. That in the event L. Mark Bell, D.O., leaves North Dakota to reside or to practice outside the state, Dr. Bell shall notify the Board in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of residence or practice outside North Dakota will not apply to the terms of this document.

11. That in the event L. Mark Bell, D.O., violates or fails to comply with any of the terms or provisions of this document, the Board may initiate appropriate action to revoke or suspend his license.

Dated this **<u>22</u>nd** day of April, 1992.

ROLF P. SLETTEN EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND TREASURER