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BEFORE THE
OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of)
WILLIAM EDWARD DAVIS, DO) ORDER OF EMERGENCY
LICENSE NO. DO07432) SUSPENSION
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The Oregon Medical Board (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including osteopathic physicians, in the State of Oregon. William Edward Davis, DO (Licensee) is a licensed osteopathic physician in the State of Oregon.

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The acts and conduct that support this Order for Emergency Suspension follow:

2.1 Licensee is a psychiatrist practicing medicine in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Licensee prescribed alprazolam (Xanax, Schedule IV) 1mg, #120 tablets every 30 days for Patient A, a 57-year-old female, over the course of several years, for depression and anger. Patient A became addicted, requiring inpatient treatment. Although Licensee informed Patient A that he had fears that she may be dependent on the medication, he continued to prescribe Xanax for her and did not refer her for treatment or consultation. Licensee's treatment of Patient A with a high dosage of Xanax exposed Patient A to the risk of harm and he failed to address her symptoms of drug dependence, which adversely affected her health and the well-being of her immediate family. Licensee's conduct violated ORS 677.190(1)(a), as defined by ORS 677.188(4)(a), unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and ORS 677.190(24), prescribing a controlled substance without a legitimate medical purpose, or without following accepted procedures for examination of patients or without following accepted procedures for record keeping.

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Licensee is entitled to a hearing as provided by the Administrative Procedures Act (chapter 183), Oregon Revised Statutes. Licensee may be represented by legal counsel at a hearing. If Licensee desires a hearing, the Board must receive Licensee's written request for hearing within ninety (90) days from the date the mailing of this Notice to Licensee, pursuant to ORS 183.430(2). Upon receipt of a request for a hearing, the Board will notify Licensee of the time and place of the hearing and will hold a hearing as soon as practical.

9 5.

Pursuant to ORS 677.205(3) and by a majority vote of the Board on June 7, 2018, the Board suspends the license of William Edward Davis, DO, on an emergency basis, effective June 7, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time, at which time Licensee must immediately cease the practice of medicine until otherwise ordered by the Board.

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NOTICE TO ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEMBERS: Active duty servicemembers have a right to stay these proceedings under the federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. For more information contact the Oregon State Bar at 800-452-8260, the Oregon Military Department at 800-452-7500 or the nearest United States Armed Forces Legal Assistance Office through <http://legalassistance.law.af.mil>.

20 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12th day of June, 2018.

21 OREGON MEDICAL BOARD
22 State of Oregon

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25 K. DEAN GUBLER, DO
26 BOARD CHAIR
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