

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR :	
RENEWAL OF A PHYSICIAN LICENSE OF :	
	ORDER GRANTING
RYAN STEVER,	LIMITED LICENSE
APPLICANT.	
	ORDER0021386

The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Dr. Ryan Stever
La Crosse, WI 54601

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
Department of Safety and Professional Services
4822 Madison Yards Way
P.O. Box 14497
Madison, WI 53708-0497

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the resolution of this application. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Dr. Ryan Stever (Applicant) (Year of Birth 1988) filed a renewal application (IA-712814) for his license number 69971 – 20, on or about September 24, 2025.
2. Applicant's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is located in La Crosse, Wisconsin.
3. Applicant is currently licensed as a physician.
4. Information on file establishes that:
 - a. On September 29, 2025, Applicant plead guilty to Simple Assault Domestic Violence (SDCL 22-18-1(5)) in Lawrence County, South Dakota, a class I misdemeanor.

- b. According to the police report and probable cause affidavits, on October 5, 2024, Applicant and his wife were out drinking and gambling in Deadwood, South Dakota when they became involved in an argument. Applicant's wife stated that Applicant grabbed her by the throat and squeezed so hard that she could not breathe, and dragged her around by her hair.
- c. Applicant was charged with two felony counts of Aggravated Assault. Applicant pleaded guilty to a single charge of misdemeanor Simple Assault Domestic Violence. The court issued an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence imposing the following conditions: fines and fees; ten days in jail; anger management, AODA evaluation, mental health evaluation, and four months of counseling; no alcohol for six months; and no new law violations for one year.
- d. The AODA evaluation was performed on September 23, 2025, and determined Applicant should undergo individual therapy, crisis intervention, intake update, and treatment plan with an anticipated discharge date of September 28, 2026. Applicant also provided a psychologist's evaluation note from May 7, 2024, indicating a prior diagnosis regarding alcohol use and other mental and behavioral health concerns.
- e. Applicant asserted served his agreed terms of the Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence but since those terms were satisfied, he has restarted personal use of alcohol and no longer attends any AODA counseling.
- f. Simple Assault Domestic Violence under South Dakota law is an exempt offense and would be a violation specified in Wis. Stat. ch. 940 if committed in this state.

5. In resolution of this matter, Applicant consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06(1m), the Board may grant a limited license if the Board finds, based upon considerations of public health and safety, that the applicant has not demonstrated adequate education, training or performance on examinations or in past practice, if any, to qualify for full licensure or certification.
- 3. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.06(2), the Board may deny an application for licensure or certificate and refuse to grant such license or certificate on the basis of unprofessional conduct on the part of the applicant.

4. Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(4)(a), the Board may deny an application for renewal of licensure if the denial of an application for renewal of a credential is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare.

5. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Applicant engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(2)(a) by practicing or attempting to practice under any license when unable or unwilling to do so with reasonable skill and safety.

6. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Applicant engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined in Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(i) by a violation or conviction of any laws or rules of this state, or of any other state, or any federal law or regulation that is substantially related to the practice of medicine and surgery.

7. As a result of the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, Applicant is subject to limitations on his physician license to practice medicine and surgery pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 448.06(1m), 448.06(2) and 440.08(4)(a), and Wis. Admin. Code §§ Med 10.03(3)(i) and (2)(a). The Board has determined that these limitations are the least restrictive options available to the Board to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
2. Limitations upon Applicant's license are necessary to ensure that Applicant is fit and competent to safely practice as a physician. Applicant is granted a limited license subject to the following limitations, terms, and conditions.
3. Applicant's ability to practice as a physician in the state of Wisconsin, and his ability to participate in the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) is LIMITED as follows:

CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Treatment Required

- A.1. Applicant shall begin drug and alcohol treatment with a treater acceptable to the Board or its designee (Treater). Applicant shall participate in, cooperate with, and follow all treatment recommended by Treater.
- A.2. Applicant shall immediately provide Treater with a copy of this Order and all other subsequent orders.
- A.3. Treater shall be responsible for coordinating Applicant's rehabilitation and treatment as required under the terms of this Order, and shall immediately report any relapse, violation

of any of the terms and conditions of this Order, and any suspected unprofessional conduct, to the Department Monitor (See B.1., below). If Treater is unable or unwilling to serve as required by this Order, Applicant shall immediately seek approval of a successor Treater by the Board or its designee.

- A.4. The rehabilitation program shall include individual and/or group therapy sessions at a frequency to be determined by Treater. Therapy may end only with the approval of the Board or its designee, after receiving a petition for modification as required by B.5., below.
- A.5. Treater shall submit formal written reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. These reports shall assess Applicant's progress in drug and alcohol treatment.

Releases

- A.6. Applicant shall provide and keep on file with Treater, all treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collection sites, current releases complying with state and federal laws. The releases shall allow the Board, its designee, and any employee of the Department to: (a) obtain all specimen screen results and patient health care and treatment records and reports, and (b) discuss the progress of Applicant's treatment and rehabilitation with Treater, treatment facilities and personnel, laboratories and collection sites. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor.

AA/NA Meetings

- A.7. Applicant shall attend Narcotics Anonymous and/or Alcoholics Anonymous meetings or an approved equivalent program for recovering professionals, at the frequency recommended by Treater, but no less than twice per week. Attendance of Applicant at such meetings shall be verified by the speaker or chair and reported quarterly to Treater and the Department Monitor.

Sobriety

- A.8. Applicant shall abstain from all personal use of alcohol.
- A.9. Applicant shall abstain from all personal use of controlled substances as defined in Wis. Stat. § 961.01(4), except when prescribed, dispensed, or administered by a practitioner for a legitimate medical condition. Applicant shall disclose Applicant's drug and alcohol history and the existence and nature of this Order to the practitioner prior to the practitioner prescribing the controlled substance. Applicant shall, at the time the controlled substance is prescribed, immediately sign a release in compliance with state and federal laws authorizing the practitioner to discuss Applicant's treatment with, and provide copies of treatment records to, Treater and the Board or its designee. Copies of these releases shall immediately be filed with the Department Monitor. Applicant shall

disclose the name and address of such practitioner to the Department Monitor within five (5) business days of receipt of a prescription for controlled substances.

- A.10. Applicant shall provide the Department Monitor with a list of over-the-counter medications and drugs that he may take from time to time. Applicant shall abstain from all use of over-the-counter medications, products, or other substances (including but not limited to natural substances, such as poppy seeds or any products containing alcohol) which may mask consumption of controlled substances or alcohol, create false positive screening results, or otherwise interfere with Applicant's test results, treatment or rehabilitation, unless ordered by a physician and approved by Treater, in which case the drug must be reported as described in paragraph C.11. It is Applicant's responsibility to educate himself about the medications and substances which may violate this paragraph, and to avoid those medications and substances.
- A.11. Applicant shall report to Treater and the Department Monitor all prescription medications and drugs taken by Applicant. Reports must be received within twenty-four (24) hours of administration, fill, or refill of the medication or drug, and shall identify the person or persons who prescribed, dispensed, administered, or ordered said medications or drugs. Each time the prescription is filled or refilled, Applicant shall immediately arrange for the prescriber or pharmacy to fax and mail copies of the prescription to the Department Monitor.

Drug and Alcohol Screens

- A.12. Within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order, Applicant shall enroll and begin participation in a drug and alcohol monitoring program which is approved by the Department (Approved Program).
- A.13. At the time Applicant shall review all rules and procedures made available by the Approved Program. Failure to comply with all requirements for participation in drug and alcohol monitoring established by the Approved Program is a violation of this Order. The requirements shall include:
- (a) Contact with the Approved Program as directed on a daily basis, including vacations, weekends, and holidays.
 - (b) Production of a urine, blood, sweat, nail, hair, saliva, or other specimen at a collection site designated by the Approved Program within five (5) hours of notification of a test.
- A.14. The Approved Program shall require the testing of specimens at a frequency of not less than forty-nine (49) times per year (one of which may be a hair test at the Board's discretion), for at least the first year of this Order. Thereafter the board may adjust the frequency of testing on its own initiative at any time, and/or Applicant may petition for modification of testing frequency per paragraph B.5.

- A.15. If any urine, blood, sweat, nail, hair, saliva, or other specimen is positive or suspected positive for any controlled substances or alcohol, Applicant shall promptly submit to additional tests or examinations, as the Board or its designee shall determine to be appropriate, to clarify or confirm the positive or suspected positive test results.
- A.16. In addition to any requirement of the Approved Program, the Board or its designee may require Applicant to do any or all of the following: (a) submit additional specimens; (b) furnish any specimen in a directly witnessed manner; or (c) submit specimens on a more frequent basis.
- A.17. All confirmed positive test results shall be presumed valid. Applicant must prove, by a preponderance of the evidence, an error in collection, testing, fault in the chain of custody, or other valid defense.
- A.18. The Approved Program shall submit information and reports to the Department Monitor as directed.

MISCELLANEOUS

Department Monitor

- B.1. Any requests, petitions, reports, payment of costs, and other information required by this Order shall be mailed, e-mailed, faxed, or delivered to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Applicant may also submit this information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.

Required Reporting by Applicant

- B.2. Applicant is responsible for compliance with all of the terms and conditions of this Order, including the timely submission of reports by others. Applicant shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any failures of the Treater, treatment facility, Approved Program or collection sites to conform to the terms and conditions of this Order. Applicant shall promptly notify the Department Monitor of any violations of any of the terms and conditions of this Order by Applicant.
- B.3. Applicant shall submit self-reports to the Department Monitor on a quarterly basis, as directed by the Department Monitor. The reports shall include a summary of Applicant's compliance with the terms and conditions of the Order in the previous quarter, Applicant's current mailing address, email address, and home telephone number. The

self-report shall not be considered formal change of address notification pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.11.

Change of Treater or Approved Program by Board

- B.4. If the Board or its designee determines the Treater or Approved Program has performed inadequately or has failed to satisfy the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board or its designee may direct that Applicant continue treatment and rehabilitation under the direction of another Treater or Approved Program.

Petitions for Modification of Limitations or Termination of Order

- B.5. Applicant may petition the Board on an annual basis for modification of the terms of this Order. Any petition for modification shall be accompanied by a written recommendation from Applicant's Treater expressly supporting the specific modifications sought. Denial of a petition in whole or in part shall not be considered a denial of a license within the meaning of Wis. Stat. § 227.01(3)(a), and Applicant shall not have a right to any further hearings or proceedings on the denial.
- B.6. Applicant may petition the Board for termination of this Order after demonstrating five (5) years of successful compliance with all terms, including at least 480 hours of approved physician practice each year. The Board may, on its own motion, grant a full Wisconsin license at any time.

Costs of Compliance

- B.7. Applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, mentoring and any other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order. Being dropped from a program for non-payment is a violation of this Order.
- B.8. In the event that Applicant violates any term of this Order, Applicant's license, or Applicant's right to renew Applicant's license and registration, may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing. The Board or its designee may terminate the suspension if provided with sufficient information that Applicant is in compliance with the Order and that it is appropriate for the suspension to be terminated. Whether to terminate the suspension shall be wholly in the discretion of the Board or its designee. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative, refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
- B.9. Applicant shall be responsible for all costs and expenses incurred in conjunction with the monitoring, screening, supervision, and other expenses associated with compliance with the terms of this Order. Being dropped from a program for non-payment is a violation of this Order.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:

Signed by:

Dr. Gregory Schmeling

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A Member of the Board

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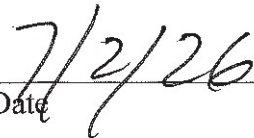
It is stipulated between Applicant and the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board) as follows:

1. Applicant filed an application for renewal of a Physician license.
2. Information received by the Board reflects a basis for denial of the license.
3. Based upon the information of record, the Board agrees to issue, and Applicant agrees to accept, an Order granting a limited license to practice as a Physician, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the attached Order adopting the Stipulation.
4. Applicant understands that by signing this Stipulation, Applicant voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to request a hearing related to the denial of the application;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Applicant;
 - the right to call witnesses on Applicant's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Applicant's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Applicant under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
5. Applicant is aware of Applicant's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
6. Applicant agrees to the adoption of the attached Order Granting Limited License by the Board. The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Order Granting Limited License without further notice, appearance, or consent of the parties.

7. Applicant waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's Order, as adopted in the form as attached.
8. Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard procedure.
9. Applicant is informed that the Order Granting Limited License is an encumbrance as defined by the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (Compact) and Applicant multi-state license and/or privilege, if any, will be subject to all terms and conditions of the Compact.



Dr. Ryan Stever, Applicant
La Crosse, WI 54601
License No. 69971 - 20



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Signed by:


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