



BEFORE THE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of Howard C. Halvorson, M.D. Application for Reinstatement of License to Practice Medicine and Surgery Docket No. 23-HA00024

JOURNAL ENTRY GRANTING REQUEST TO SUBSTITUTE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SPEX EXAM AS AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TO CPEP REENTRY TO CLINICAL PRACTICE PROGRAM

On June 9, 2023, this matter came before the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts ("Board") for a Conference Hearing to consider Howard C. Halvorson's, M.D. ("Dr. Halvorson") request for the successful completion of the Federation of State Medical Board ("FSMB") Special Purpose Examination ("SPEX") to be an acceptable alternative to completion of the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program for reinstatement of his exempt license. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-514 the following Board Members were designated to serve as Presiding Officers in this hearing: Dr. Mark Balderston, D.C., Dr. Jerry DeGrado, D.C., Dr. Thomas Estep, M.D., Dr. Camille Heeb, M.D., Dr. Jennifer Koontz, M.D., Dr. Stephanie Suber, D.O., and Dr. Ronald Varner, D.O.

Dr. Halvorson appeared by electronic video, pro se. Sebastian Thomas Orosco, Associate Litigation Counsel, appeared in person to present the position of Disciplinary Panel #38 ("DP #38").

On or about May 12, 2023, the Board issued a Final Order on Application for Reinstatement of Exempt License ("Final Order") in this matter. In pertinent part it states as follows:

"IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Dr. Halvorson complete the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program, or the substantial equivalent as approved by the Board, to establish his present ability to practice with reasonable skill and safety, prior to further consideration of his application for reinstatement of an exempt license. The Board's mission is to protect the public, and to that end, despite the statutory and regulatory limitations on the scope of practice for exempt licensees, under an exempt license Dr. Halvorson could conceivably provide healthcare to the public as a coroner or at a local healthcare department. Considering this

situation, it is not unreasonable for the Board to require proof of clinical competence prior to further consideration of licensure.

Dr. Halvorson may propose to complete an alternate re-entry course substantially equivalent to the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program but must receive the written approval of the Board prior to enrolling.”

On or about May 19, 2023, Dr. Halvorson requested the Board consider and approve the SPEX exam administered by FSMB as an acceptable alternative to completion of the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program for reinstatement of his exempt license.

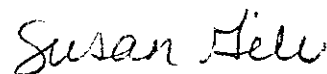
On or about June 2, 2023, counsel for DP #38 filed a Response to Dr. Halvorson’s request stating DP #38 had **no objection** to Dr. Halvorson’s request. DP #38 reasoned that (1) Dr. Halvorson is requesting to be granted only an exempt license; (2) the SPEX exam would be an acceptable alternative to the CPEP program for the purposes of an exempt license; and (3) successful completion of the SPEX exam as an alternative to the CPEP Program would adequately protect the Kansas public.

After consideration of the entire agency record, including oral arguments from both parties at the Conference Hearing, the Board approved Dr. Halvorson’s request for the SPEX exam administered by FSMB as an acceptable alternative to completion of the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program for reinstatement of his exempt license.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Dr. Halvorson’s request to substitute successful completion of the SPEX exam as an alternative to the CPEP Reentry to Clinical Practice Program is **GRANTED**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

KANSAS STATE BOARD OF HEALING ARTS



Susan Gile, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing **JOURNAL ENTRY GRANTING REQUEST TO SUBSTITUTE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF SPEX EXAM AS AN APPROVED ALTERNATIVE TO CPEP REENTRY TO CLINICAL PRACTICE PROGRAM** was served this 30th day of June 2023, by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class, postage prepaid, and an email courtesy copy, addressed to:

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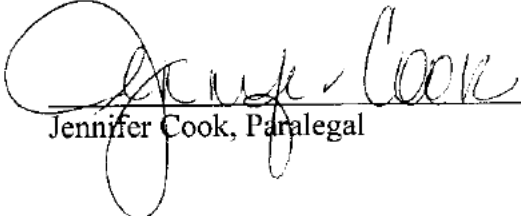
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