BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: DEANA B. PRIEST, RDH

ORDER

On this 12th day of May 2006 comes on for hearing the matter of Deana B. Priest, RDH. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. Deana B. Priest, RDH appeared pro se. From the pleadings, testimony of the witnesses, and evidence introduced, the Board finds that:

1. Deana B. Priest, RDH, is a licensed registered Dental Hygienist in the State of Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.

2. Deana B. Priest, RDH, has admitted in testimony that she fraudulently called in a prescription for the scheduled medication Hydrocodone when not authorized to do the same and diverted said medication for her own use and benefit on the 30th of March 2005, on the 10th of April 2003, on the 13th of April 2005.

3. Deana B. Priest, RDH, has admitted that she has plead guilty to a felony of obtaining controlled substances by fraud.

WHEREFORE, it is considered, ordered, and adjudged that:

1. Deana B. Priest, RDH, has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, ACA § 17-82-316(3)(C) that is, she has committed a criminal operation by obtaining scheduled medication, of Hydrocodone, by fraud.

2. As a result of the above violation of the Dental Practice Act, the license to practice Dental Hygiene in the State of Arkansas of Deana B. Priest, RDH, is revoked. Said revocation will be stayed for a period of five years for so long as Deana B. Priest, RDH, complies with the following
conditions of stay:

A. That Deana B. Priest, RDH, enters into a contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and complies with the terms of that contract.

B. That Deana B. Priest, RDH, acknowledges and understands that the terms of her contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation are terms of the condition of stay of this Order.

C. That Deana B. Priest, RDH, will attend such meetings of the Board until excused from the same. At said meetings she will show compliance with her conditions of stay and her contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

D. Deana B. Priest, RDH, will pay to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners a fine of $500 within one year from the date of this Order.

E. Deana B. Priest, RDH, will provide a copy of this Order to any employer for whom she is working as a Dental Hygienist and her employing dentist will provide the Board a letter acknowledging that he is aware of this Order and will notify the Board if she does not comply with the terms of this Order.

Upon Deana B. Priest, RDH, complying with the conditions of stay for a period of five years her license will become unencumbered. Upon the Board finding that Deana B. Priest, RDH, has failed to comply with the conditions of stay her license will be revoked.
IT IS SO ORDERED:

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

E. Wayne Looney, DDS, President

Date

Approved as to form:

William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners