

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**In Re:**

**RANDAL LEE EPLEY  
(License No. 07437)**

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**ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**THIS MATTER** was heard on November 17, 2015, by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) located at 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, upon the request of Randal Lee Epley (“Petitioner”) for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy. Board members Mixon, Day, McLaughlin, Minton, Graves, and Haywood heard this matter. After hearing the testimony of witnesses, adjudging the credibility of the witnesses, and receiving evidence, the Board makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Petitioner formerly held North Carolina license to practice pharmacy number 07437.
2. On May 8, 2015, Petitioner voluntary surrendered his license to practice pharmacy after admitting to having forged prescriptions for himself for opioid analgesics, benzodiazepines, and other controlled substances.
3. After surrendering his license, Petitioner underwent an evaluation at the Pavillon Center for the Treatment of Alcoholism and Drug Addictions.
4. At Pavillon Center, Petitioner disclosed (and the record supports) a many-year history of atypical facial pain. Pavillon Center ultimately concluded that Petitioner is someone with “bona fide pain and who has engaged in improper and illegal behavior to obtain his medications.” It did not conclude that Petitioner had

a substance abuse disorder. Pavillon Center nonetheless recommended “one year of diagnostic monitoring by and compliance with North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network” to definitively rule out any such disorder, while also stating that Petitioner was “safe to practice at this time.”

5. Soon after discharge from Pavillon Center, Petitioner signed a one-year monitoring agreement with North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network (“NCPRN”).
6. Petitioner is under the care of medical professionals for his atypical facial pain.
7. Petitioner charged criminally as a result of his diversion, but based on his license surrender and evaluation, the assistant district attorney reviewing his case agreed not to pursue the charges at this time, but “reserve[d] the right to pursue [the] charges” in the future if Petitioner failed to comply with monitoring or engaged in any additional illegal activity.
8. In October 2015, NCPRN reported that Petitioner had been non-compliant with his monitoring agreement by missing required screening call-ins. Petitioner was referred to the NCPRN Compliance Committee, which issued him a warning. NCPRN testified that Petitioner’s non-compliance has been remedied and that it was not clinically indicative of substance abuse.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board, in its discretion, concludes that Petitioner can safely resume the practice of pharmacy with the conditions stated below.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Petitioner's license to practice pharmacy is **REINSTATED, SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:**

1. Petitioner shall complete an Application to Reinstate a Lapsed or Inactive License and pay the appropriate fee.
2. As part of the Application to Reinstate a Lapsed or Inactive License, Petitioner shall provide proof that he has obtained fifteen (15) hours of continuing education, eight (8) of which must be live or contact hours. These hours represent the continuing education obligation Petitioner would have been required to meet to renew his pharmacy license for 2016.
3. Petitioner shall successfully complete his NCPRN treatment and monitoring agreement, either with NCPRN or any successor organization to NCPRN.
4. If Petitioner fails to comply with any term or condition of this Order, she may be subject to additional disciplinary action by the Board.

This is the 17th day of November, 2015.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By:   
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Jack W. Campbell IV  
Executive Director

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on November 20, 2015, I caused a copy of this Order Reinstating License With Conditions to be served on Petitioner by registered mail, return-receipt requested:

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