

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**In Re:**

**Scott W. Savage  
(License No. 16486)**

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**ORDER REINSTATING LICENSE  
WITH CONDITIONS**

**THIS MATTER** was heard on September 16, 2008, by the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) located at 6015 Farrington Road, Suite 201, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, upon the request of Scott W. Savage (“Petitioner”) for reinstatement of his license to practice pharmacy in the state of North Carolina. Board members Haywood, Nelson, Chesson, Chater, and Dennis, conducted this hearing. After hearing the testimony of witnesses, adjudging the credibility of the witnesses, and receiving evidence, the Board makes the following:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At relevant times, Petitioner was licensed to practice pharmacy by the Board and was the holder of license number 16486.
2. On February 8, 2008, Petitioner voluntarily surrendered his license to practice pharmacy in North Carolina.
3. On February 11, 2008, Petitioner entered a residential treatment program at the Center for Professional Excellence in Nashville, TN. Petitioner completed the program on May 5, 2008.
4. On February 14, 2008, Petitioner agreed to a North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network (“NCPRN”) contract. Paul Peterson, Executive Director of NCRPN, testified that Petitioner has complied fully with all requirements of his NCPRN contract.

5. On June 24, 2008, Petitioner pleaded guilty to one misdemeanor count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance (methylphenidate). Petitioner received a period of unsupervised probation and a fine, which he has paid. No other criminal charges are outstanding.
6. The Center for Professional Excellence supports Petitioner's return to practice under the direction and supervision of NCPRN.
7. NCPRN supports Petitioner's return to practice under direction and supervision.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Petitioner has demonstrated that he has been in a period of successful recovery and compliance with his NCPRN contract. The Board, in its discretion, concludes that Petitioner can safely resume the practice of pharmacy.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Petitioner's license to practice pharmacy shall be reinstated, subject to the following conditions:

1. Petitioner shall successfully complete his NCPRN contract, which shall be renewed to extend for five (5) years from the date of this Order.
2. Petitioner shall advise the Board promptly in writing of any change of address or change in practice status.
3. Petitioner shall obtain prior approval of all employment as a pharmacist from the Board's Executive Director.
4. Petitioner shall not serve as pharmacist manager of any pharmacy.
5. Petitioner shall not serve as a preceptor of pharmacy students without first obtaining approval to do from the Board's Executive Director.

6. Petitioner may not be employed as a pharmacist more than 30 hours per week. This hours limitation may, at any time, be extended to 40 hours per week, on average, at the discretion of the Executive Director of NCPRN.
7. Petitioner shall be subject to unannounced drug screens to be performed at his expense by the Board or its agents, and shall supply urine, blood, hair, nail, or any other bodily fluid or tissue sample required for the screening. Results of the screening shall not disclose the presence of any controlled substance, prescription drug, or alcohol that was not previously prescribed for Petitioner by a practitioner acting in the normal course of medical treatment of Petitioner.
8. Petitioner shall authorize NC PRN, and any treating physician or other health-care provider to release Petitioner's medical records to the Board.
9. If Petitioner fails to comply with any terms or conditions of this Order, Petitioner may be subject to additional disciplinary action by the Board.
10. Petitioner shall violate no laws governing the practice of pharmacy or the distribution of drugs.
11. Petitioner shall violate no rules or regulations of the Board.
12. The Board encourages Petitioner to consider sharing his story and recovery with others as opportunities present themselves.

This is the 16th day of September, 2008.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: \_\_\_\_\_

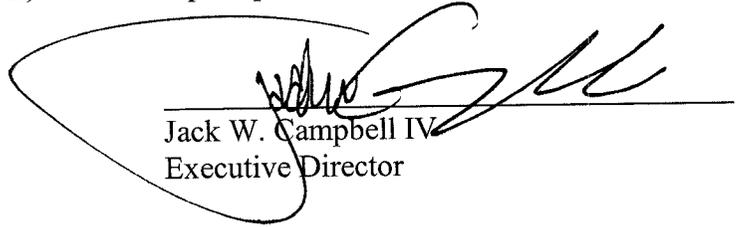
Jack W. Campbell IV  
Executive Director



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on September 17, 2008, I caused a copy of this Order Reinstating License to be served on Petitioner by registered mail, return-receipt requested.



Jack W. Campbell IV  
Executive Director

cc: Savage License File  
Paul Peterson, Executive Director, North Carolina Pharmacist Recovery Network