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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD  
OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

In the Matter of

**SALLY VAN SNEPSON-BARNETT, P.A.**

Holder of License No. 5181  
For the Performance of Healthcare Tasks in  
the State of Arizona.

**CASE NO: PA-15-0108A**

**REQUEST FOR LICENSE  
INACTIVATION WITH CAUSE AND  
ORDER INACTIVATING LICENSE  
WITH CAUSE**

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1. I, Sally Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A., am the holder of License No. 5181 to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

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2. I hereby request that, effective at 12:00 p.m. on the date of the following Order, the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants ("Board") inactivate with cause my license to perform healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona, A.R.S. §32-1452(F). I participated in the Board's Physician Health Program ("PHP") from May 24, 2013-May 23, 2015. I have now relapsed.

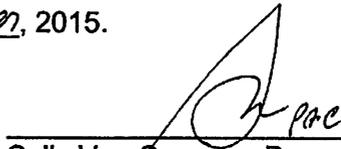
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3. I will not perform healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona or any other state, territory or district of the United States or a foreign country while my Arizona license is inactive. I may not hold or maintain a controlled substance certificate with the Drug Enforcement Administration or write or refill prescriptions as long as my license is inactive. If I perform healthcare tasks while my license is inactive I will be performing healthcare tasks without a license and/or without being exempt from licensure, which amongst other things, is a felony.

4. I shall not request reactivation of my license to perform healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona until I comply with all requests of the Board, which may include, but are not limited to, long-term residential or inpatient treatment, psychiatric and psychometric

1 evaluations, physical examination and testing, and written and/or oral competency  
2 examinations. The Board will not reactivate my license until I present evidence  
3 satisfactory to the Board, in its sole discretion, that I am medically competent and mentally  
4 and physically able to safely practice medicine.

5 DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

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9 Sally Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A.

10 **FINDINGS OF FACT**

11 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
12 the Performance of Healthcare Tasks in the State of Arizona.

13 2. Sally Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A. ("Respondent") is the holder of License  
14 No. 5181 for the performance of healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona.

15 3. The Board initiated case number PA-15-0108A after receiving information  
16 that Respondent relapsed with the use of alcohol.

17 4. In May 2013, Respondent entered into a Stipulated Rehabilitation  
18 Agreement ("SRA") with the Board. The SRA was terminated in May 2015.

19 5. On September 14, 2015, the Board was notified by the PHP Contractor,  
20 that Respondent had been admitted to a hospital following a relapse on alcohol. The  
21 Contractor reviewed the matter and opined that Respondent is unable to safely perform  
22 healthcare tasks.

23 6. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1452(F), a doctor of medicine or physician  
24 assistant who is impaired by alcohol or drug abuse and who was under a board stipulation  
25 or probationary order that is no longer in effect shall request the board to place the license

1 on inactive status with cause. If the doctor or physician assistant fails to do this, the board  
2 shall summarily suspend the license.

3 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

4 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
5 Licensee.

6 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
7 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. §32-1401(27)(f) (“[h]abitual intemperance in the use of alcohol  
8 or habitual substance abuse.”), and A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(23).

9 **ORDER**

10 1. License number 5181 by Sally Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A., is inactivated  
11 with Cause.

12 2. Before Respondent can request that her license be reactivated, she shall  
13 successfully complete a long-term care residential or inpatient hospital treatment program  
14 or both as recommended by the Contractor and shall meet the applicable requirements of  
15 A.R.S. §32-2528(D).

16 3. Once Respondent has completed treatment, the Board shall determine if it  
17 should refer the matter for a formal hearing for the purpose of suspending or revoking the  
18 license or to place Respondent on probation subject to appropriate restrictions necessary  
19 to ensure public safety.

20 DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2015.

21 ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD  
22 OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS

23 By: Patricia McSorley  
24 Patricia McSorley  
25 Executive Director

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EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015 to:

Sally Van Snepson-Barnett, P.A.  
Address of Record

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2015 with:

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