

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY  
In the Matter of Blake Pepper, PTA 3914**

**FINAL ORDER**

The Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy (“the Board”) held a hearing at 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 801, Little Rock, Arkansas, at 9:00 a.m. on April 15, 2021 to determine whether Blake Pepper (“Respondent”) has violated the Arkansas Physical Therapy Act and whether he should be subject to the penalties allowed by law. The Board was represented by its attorney, Assistant Attorney General Sara Farris. Respondent appeared *pro se*. Based on the evidence presented, the Board finds as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent is a licensed physical therapist assistant (PTA) in the State of Arkansas.
2. Respondent worked as a PTA for the Good Samaritan Society beginning on June 27, 2020, until he was terminated on September 9, 2020.
3. Good Samaritan Society filed a complaint with the Board on September 9, 2020, alleging that Respondent falsely documented and billed for treatment and services not rendered.
4. Respondent sent a written response to the Board in which he admitted the allegations contained in the complaint.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

5. Arkansas Code Ann. § 17-93-308(a)(3) permits the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy to take disciplinary action against a licensee who, in the judgment of the Board, is guilty of immoral or unprofessional conduct;
6. Pursuant to the Board Rules, Section VIII(A)(4), “unprofessional conduct” includes charging unreasonable or fraudulent fees for services performed or not performed.

**ORDER**

- A. No later than six (6) months from the date of this Order, Blake Pepper shall complete an ethics course and submit to Board staff sufficient documentation of his attendance.
- B. Blake Pepper's physical therapist assistant license is placed on probation for six (6) months from the date of this Order. Every two months, Board staff shall contact Mr. Pepper and Mr. Pepper shall promptly provide information regarding his activities, progress, and work situation.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212, Respondent may petition for judicial review of this decision by filing a petition in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days after the service of this Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF  
PHYSICAL THERAPY

By: Nancy Worthen  
Nancy Worthen, Executive Director