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Medical Board Suspends License of Stephen C. Sayers, M.D., of Center

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended the license of Stephen Charles Sayers, M.D., License #G5574, of Center, after determining that Dr. Sayers' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on Dr. Sayers' arrest on June 4 by the Deer Park Police Department and charges by the Harris County District Attorney's Office for possession of a controlled substance. Indictment in Harris County is pending.

The arrest took place after Deer Park police observed Dr. Sayers slumped over the steering wheel of his car. The officers found cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia and other drugs and cash in the vehicle. Witness statements advised the Board that Dr. Sayers' health and mental stability have deteriorated in the past few months and that he presented "a harm to himself and others."

The temporary suspension hearing took place under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. .

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