

2000 Press Releases

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23 Doctors Disciplined

During its October 19-20 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 19 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: one revocation/surrender; 10 suspensions, of which two were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; four restrictions; six public reprimands; in addition, six administrative penalties totaling \$28,000 were assessed. In addition, the Board temporarily suspended the licenses of four physicians since the last Board meeting. The Board also took action on one acute detox specialist. On October 27, 2000, the Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners publicly reprimanded one physician assistant and assessed an administrative penalty of \$500.

Rule Changes

The Board approved the following proposed rule changes that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 162, Supervision of Medical Students, amendment to §162.2 regarding exemptions. Chapter 165, Medical Records, amendment to §165.2 regarding the time frame for release of medical records. Chapter 170, Authority of Physician to Prescribe for the Treatment of Pain, rule review with no changes. Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, amendments to §§171.2 and 171.3 regarding postgraduate resident permits and institutional permits. Chapter 174, Telemedicine, rule review and amendments to §174.13 regarding home health orders and §174.15 regarding fees. Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications, amendments to §175.1 regarding fees for late non-profit recertification applications and office-based anesthesia registration. Chapter 186, Supervision of Physician Assistant Students, rule review and extensive rewrite of chapter. Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia, amendments to §192.4 regarding site-based registration. Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders, rule review and amendments regarding cites to Texas Occupations Code Annotated. Chapter 194, Non-Certified Radiologic Technicians, rule review and amendments regarding cites to Texas Occupations Code Annotated.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 164, Physician Advertising, regarding advertising board certification, will be republished in the *Texas Register*. Rule review of Chapter 177, Certification of Non-Profit Health Organizations and proposed amendments to §§177.1-177.2, 177.6-177.8, 177.11, 177.13, and 177.15-177.16, regarding the time frame for submission of applications and reports, fees for late non-profit certification applications, and correction of cites to Texas Occupations Code Annotated, were withdrawn.

Proposed Rules

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register* and comment: Chapter 173, Physician Profile, §173.1, proposed amendments regarding data to be included in physician profiles. Chapter 199, Public Information, §§199.1-199.4, rule review and proposed amendments to reflect legislative and organizational changes. Chapter 161, proposed new §161.4 regarding compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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