

## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### **TMB suspends Houston physician**

On July 20, 2016, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Benjamin Deaton, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that Dr. Deaton was terminated by the Texas Physician Health Program (TXPHP) for his continual noncompliance with drug testing. Given his recent resumption of practicing medicine in Texas and history of substance abuse and noncompliance, Dr. Deaton poses a continuing threat to public welfare and a temporary suspension of his license is warranted.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Deaton, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Deaton.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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