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TMB suspends Houston physician

On March 13, 2018, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of James Earl Kirkham, M.D. (Lic. No. C5124), 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. Kirkham suffers from an impairment that makes him unable to safely practice medicine. In spite of Dr. Kirkham's impairment, he has continued to prescribe controlled substances that have a risk of abuse and diversion.

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

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