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Texas Physician Assistant Board suspends Houston physician assistant

On October 14, 2014, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended, with notice, the Texas physician assistant license of Jennifer Lynn Behm, P.A., after determining her continuation in practice as a physician assistant would constitute a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that Ms. Behm violated the standard of care by prescribing medications in a nontherapeutic manner that poses a continuing threat to both her patients and the public.

During a joint practice site visit with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Board staff found blank prescription forms in the possession of an unlicensed health care provider that included Ms. Behm's name and the name of her supervising physician which were all pre-stamped with Ms. Behm's signature stamp.

Furthermore, the Board panel found Ms. Behm's supervising physician surrendered his DEA controlled substances certificates for Schedules II – V. The surrender was effective on or about September 16, 2014, and was related to his alleged failure to comply with federal requirements pertaining to controlled substances. Ms. Behm continued to write prescriptions for controlled substances after her supervising physician surrendered his DEA registration and even though she no longer had authority to prescribe controlled substances.

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

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