

## 2000 Press Releases

**February 11, 2000**

### **16 Doctors Disciplined**

During its February 3-4 Board meeting, the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners disciplined 14 licensed physicians, who received one or more of the following actions: five revocations; eight suspensions, of which four were stayed and probated under various terms and conditions; two restrictions; one public reprimand; and four administrative penalties totaling \$42,000 were assessed. In addition, one physician has been placed under a temporary suspension order on an emergency basis and one physician's license was suspended due to violation of probation.

The Texas State Board of Physician Assistant Examiners, at its January 27 Board meeting, disciplined four physician assistants. An additional physician assistant's license was suspended for failure to pay child support.

### **Rule Changes**

The Board approved the following proposed rule changes that were published in the *Texas Register*: Chapter 163, Licensure, amendments to § 163.1-163.5 regarding licensure examinations and official translations of documents. Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, amendment to § 171.1 concerning permits issued to physicians in postgraduate training programs. The amendment clarifies the provisions of the Medical Practice Act under which physicians holding training permits may be disciplined. Chapter 173, Physician Profiles, new §§ 173.1-173.7 concerning information to be collected by the Board as mandated by House Bill 110, 76th Legislature. Chapter 175, Fees, Penalties, and Applications, amendment to §§ 175.1 and 175.5, relating to the fee and application for office-based anesthesia registration. Chapter 183, Acupuncture, amendment to § 183.4 concerning the computer-based score for passage of the Test of English as a Foreign Language.

### **Proposed Rules**

The Board proposed the following rule changes for publication in the *Texas Register* and comment: Chapter 164, Advertising, proposed amendment setting forth the grounds under which a physician may be disciplined for false and deceptive advertising. Chapter 167, Reinstatement, proposed new §§ 167.4-167.6 regarding criteria to be considered when assessing whether it is in the best interest of the physician or the public to reinstate a physician's license. Chapter 174, Telemedicine, proposed amendment to § 174.3 to bring the rule into compliance with statutory changes. Chapter 192, Office-Based Anesthesia, previously published proposed new §§ 192.1-192.6 concerning responsibilities of physicians providing, or overseeing by proper delegation, anesthesia services in outpatient settings. The proposed rules will also outline the minimum acceptable standards for the provision of anesthesia services in outpatient settings, as mandated by

Senate Bill 1340, 76th Legislature. The Board made an amendment to the previously published proposed rule to be republished on an emergency basis.

Amendments were also proposed to Chapter 166, Physician Registration, regarding continuing medical education; Chapter 171, Institutional Permits, regarding postgraduate research permits; and Chapter 163, Licensure, regarding examinations and documentation for licensure applicants.

Proposed amendments to Chapter 165, Medical Records, were withdrawn and will be republished with changes from the original publication. Proposed amendment to Chapter 193, Standing Delegation Orders, proposed new §193.9, concerning pronouncement of death based on facts provided to physicians by licensed vocational nurses through electronic communications, was withdrawn.

For copies of rule changes or proposed rules, write the Board at MC 901, P.O. Box 2018, Austin, TX 78768-2018, or e-mail [jill.wiggins@tmb.state.tx.us](mailto:jill.wiggins@tmb.state.tx.us)