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TMB restricts Throckmorton physician

On August 18, 2016, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily restricted, with notice, the Texas medical license of Craig Clark Beasley, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The restriction was effective immediately.

The restriction prohibits Dr. Beasley from prescribing Schedule II controlled substances for more than a 72-hour period and may not provide any patient with refills of a Schedule II medication under any circumstances. The restriction applies to treating all pain patients, whether for acute or chronic pain. Dr. Beasley shall maintain a drug testing protocol for all patients receiving controlled substances and shall not prescribe a controlled substance to a patient who has tested positive for an illicit drug.

The Board panel found based on the evidence presented, Dr. Beasley's care and treatment demonstrates a pattern of nontherapeutic prescribing for his chronic pain patients. Specifically, Dr. Beasley failed to adequately document that he performed physical examinations to assess the cause(s) of patients' chronic pain before he prescribed significant quantities of pain medication, failed to follow-up with physical examinations or other diagnostic testing, failed to institute opioid risk assessments such as drug screening, failed to document a rational and individualized treatment plan and did not refer his chronic pain patients to outside pain management experts. Dr. Beasley also did not adequately address positive drug screening tests that revealed the use of illicit drugs.

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

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