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## Texas Board of Respiratory Care suspends Fort Worth respiratory care practitioner

On October 29, 2020, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Respiratory Care temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas respiratory care practitioner permit of Kevin Steward, RCP (Lic. No. RCP00053437), after determining his continuation in the practice of respiratory care poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that Mr. Steward completed a "for cause" drug screen and was terminated by his employer because the drug screen was positive for cocaine and marijuana.

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

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