

## **Texas Medical Board Press Release**

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### **TMB suspends Garland physician (Pena-Rodriguez)**

On May 23, 2019, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Cesar B. Pena-Rodriguez, M.D. (Lic. No. L7105), 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 on May 8, 2019, a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) was issued against Dr. Pena-Rodriguez by the U.S. District Court, Northern District, Dallas Division, Cause No. 3:19-CV-1055-8. The Court found that Dr. Pena-Rodriguez distributed or dispensed controlled substances by issuing purported prescriptions to law enforcement officers from May 2017, to March 2018; and that from May 2014, through March 2019, Dr. Pena-Rodriguez issued purported prescriptions for a variety of controlled substances in Schedules II, III, IV, and V, all or some portion of which were issued without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice.

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

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

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