Medical Board Suspends License of Carlos Arroyo, M.D., of Channelview

A panel of the Texas Medical Board has temporarily suspended the license of Carlos Arroyo, M.D., license number F9148, after determining that Dr. Arroyo's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Tuesday under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The action was based on the following: Dr. Arroyo submitted to a drug and alcohol screening on October 19. On October 29, the board received a laboratory report showing that Dr. Arroyo's hair specimen tested positive for cocaine and cocaine metabolites.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and it remains in effect until the board takes further action.

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