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Medical Board Suspends Galveston Doctor's License

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners has suspended the license of Philip A. Head, Jr., M.D., of Galveston.

The temporary suspension hearing took place today under the Board's authority to suspend physicians' licenses when it determines there is a threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

Dr. Head, 45, is a Galveston physician specializing in internal medicine. He has a history of mental and physical impairment and has recently been under treatment. The Board learned that Dr. Head was exhibiting behavior that indicated he should not be seeing patients. The Board's disciplinary panel determined that his continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare in that it represents a real and present danger to the health of his patients due to his impaired status.

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

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is the state agency that regulates physicians, providing consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for physicians who fail to meet the required standards of professional competency and behavior. The agency is seeking new legislation to expand current statutory authority to better fulfill its mission to ensure that medical care is delivered by competent physicians.

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