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Medical Board Suspends License of John Reagan Woodward, M.D., of Dallas

A panel of the Texas Medical Board suspended the license of John Reagan Woodward, M.D., license number D4884, after determining that Dr. Woodward's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Monday (July 30) 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 Dr. Woodward's impairment following a type of seizure in March, 2006; physical changes revealed in a neurological examination; an apparent suicide attempt in December, 2006; evidence that he was confused, paranoid and delusional; self-prescribing of medications; and reports of erratic behavior at Medical City Dallas Hospital.

The length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and it remains in effect until the board takes further action. A temporary suspension hearing with notice to the physician is scheduled for August 15.

The Texas Medical Board, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at www.tmb.state.tx.us/consumers/complain/complain.php or by calling (800) 201-9353. See the home page at www.tmb.state.tx.us