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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Tamara S. Hlavaty, M.D., a 57-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices radiology in Grand Island, Nebraska, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on July 29, 2016. On November 5, 2014, Dr. Hlavaty was disciplined by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (Nebraska Board) for substance abuse. Dr. Hlavaty was diagnosed with alcohol dependence and subsequently completed substance abuse treatment. Dr. Hlavaty was placed on probation for a period of four years subject to monitoring for alcohol dependence. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Hlavaty with being disciplined by the Nebraska Board for substance abuse in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the July 29, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Hlavaty a Citation and Warning, ordered her to pay a \$1,000 civil penalty and referred her to the Iowa Physician Health Program for substance abuse assessment, monitoring and assistance.

Paul D. Peterson, D.O., a 47-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Sioux City, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 29, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Peterson with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in 2013 and 2014, failed to provide and/or document appropriate evaluation and treatment to a newborn child who was diagnosed with Group B Streptococcal Meningitis in 2010, and inappropriately prescribing phentermine to two female patients for weight loss when the patients did not meet the established criteria for the use of phentermine in Sioux City, Iowa, in 2013 and 2014. Under the terms of the July 29, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Peterson a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain under his Iowa medical license and placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. The Board also ordered him to complete Board-approved continuing medical education in the areas of medical record keeping, the appropriate diagnosis and treatment of Group B Streptococcal Meningitis in newborn children and the established criteria and appropriate use of phentermine for weight loss.

Edward A. Steinmann, Jr., D.O., a 67-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices family medicine in Des Moines, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on July 29, 2016. The Board charged Dr. Steinmann with violating the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa when he failed to provide appropriate pain management to multiple patients in Des Moines, Iowa, between 2010 and 2015. Under the terms of the July 29, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Steinmann a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and complete a Board-approved medical record keeping course. The Board also prohibited him from prescribing, administering or dispensing controlled substances for the treatment of chronic pain. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring, including audits of his controlled substance prescribing.

Richard H. Strauss, M.D., a 65-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices pediatrics in La Crosse, Wisconsin, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board on July 29, 2016. On April 15, 2015, Dr. Strauss was disciplined by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board) for failing to provide appropriate urgent care to a 14-year-old boy who experienced respiratory distress following laparoscopic surgery on January 14, 2011. The Wisconsin Board issued Dr. Strauss a Reprimand and ordered him to pay investigative costs in the amount of \$1,694.18. The Iowa Board charged Dr. Strauss with being disciplined by the Wisconsin Board in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the July 29, 2016, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Strauss a Citation and Warning.

Kent J. Van Why, M.D., a 54-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices clinical cardiac electrophysiology in the Quad Cities, Iowa, had the terms and conditions placed on his Iowa medical license terminated by the Board on July 29, 2016. On May 8, 2009, Dr. Van Why entered into a physician health contract with the Iowa Physician Health Program (IPHP) for to substance abuse. On March 1, 2012, the Board filed formal disciplinary charges against Dr. Van Why for consuming alcohol in violation of the contract that he entered into with the IPHP. On June 8, 2012, Dr. Van Why entered into a Settlement Agreement with the Board to resolve the pending disciplinary charges. Under the terms of the June 8, 2012, Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Van Why a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty. The Board also placed him on probation for a period of five (5) years subject to Board monitoring for substance abuse. On July 29, 2016, the Board issued a Termination Order and the terms and conditions placed on Dr. Van Why's Iowa medical license were terminated and his Iowa medical license is returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

Leroy L. Yates, Jr., M.D., a 61-year-old Iowa-licensed, board certified, obstetrician and gynecologist who practices cosmetic surgery in Davenport, Iowa, had formal disciplinary charges filed against him by the Board on July 29, 2016. The Board alleged that Dr. Yates violated the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine when he failed to provide appropriate cosmetic surgical care to multiple patients in Davenport, Iowa, between 2013 and 2015. The Board alleged that Dr. Yates: fails to possess adequate training in cosmetic surgery; inappropriately delegated anesthesia services to unqualified medical staff; inappropriately performed cosmetic surgical procedures under intravenous sedation in an unsafe office setting; failed to establish and/or document appropriate safety measures; performed cosmetic surgical procedures on patients who were not appropriate candidates for the procedures; failed to perform and/or document appropriate monitoring during procedures; failed to maintain appropriate medical and anesthesia records; failed to obtain appropriate informed consent; failed to provide and/or documenting appropriate follow-up care; experienced excessive postoperative infections; experienced excessive postoperative complications; failed to appropriately diagnose and/or treat

postoperative complications; failed to obtain appropriate hospital privileges; performed large volume liposuction procedures under intravenous sedation in an office setting without appropriate monitoring or hospital privileges to manage patients postoperatively; performed a cosmetic surgical procedure on, and prescribed, administered or dispensed controlled substances to, a member of his immediate family; made misleading, deceptive or untrue representations regarding his competency to perform cosmetic surgical procedures and his complication rates and his success rates; and used untruthful or improbable statements in advertisements. A hearing is scheduled on September 22-23, 2016.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

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