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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ISSUES FOUR EMERGENCY ORDERS**

*- Action taken against licenses of three practitioners and one order lifted -*

**TALLAHASSEE** – The Florida Department of Health (DOH) today announced the Emergency Suspension and Restriction Orders of three Florida practitioners along with an Order Lifting Emergency Suspension of one practitioner. The three emergency orders immediately suspend or restrict the practitioners' licenses to practice in Florida.

"The Florida Department of Health will continue to protect our citizens and visitors from practitioners that break the law," stated the State Surgeon General Dr. Frank Farmer. "We must remain vigilant in using our disciplinary tools, such as the Emergency Orders, to safeguard public health."

Over the past week the following orders were issued:

*Emergency Restriction Order* – a licensed practitioner is restricted by emergency order of the department. The licensed practitioner may practice in Florida, but has restrictions specified by emergency order.

- **Harold M. Bass, Medical Doctor**, Lauderhill. Bass violated Florida Statutes by prescribing or administering inappropriate doses of Demerol, Versed and/or Marcaine to a patient and/or by prescribing or administering inappropriate doses of Demerol to a patient despite the patient's use of an SNRI medication; performing a Level III surgery with anesthesia being administered by a registered nurse and/or without the surgical assistance of a physician, osteopathic physician, registered nurse, licensed practical nurse, physician assistant or operating room technician; failing to obtain informed consent from a patient for a Level III surgery and failing to set forth an adequate treatment plan, including a titration goal for the patient, failing to document a patient's response to stimuli, failing to document the events leading to a patient's decompensation and/or failing to document the medical staff's responses to the patient's decompensation.

*Emergency Suspension Orders* – the licensed practitioner is suspended by emergency order of the department. Licensee may not practice in Florida while license is suspended under emergency order. The practitioner is obligated to update his/her profile data.

- **Stacie R. Starcher, Certified Nursing Assistant**, Dade City. Starcher violated Florida Statutes by engaging in unprofessional conduct, using force against a patient, striking a patient or throwing objects at a patient and by using abusive, threatening or foul language in front of a patient or directing such language toward a patient.
- **Roni E. Dreszer, Medical Doctor**, Aventura. Dreszer violated Florida Statutes by prescribing excessive or inappropriate quantities and doses of Roxycodone and/or

Xanax to patients; prescribing excessive or inappropriate quantities or doses of controlled substances to patients without justification and/or performing an adequate evaluation of the patient; failing to obtain a complete medical history for patients; failing to conduct adequate physical examinations or medical evaluations of patients; failing to set forth an adequate treatment plan for patients; failing to refer patients to evaluations or consultations with specialists or other treatment providers; failing to adequately document an indication or justification for the treatment provided to patients and failing to adequately monitor or refer patients.

- **Jeffrey R. Perelman, Medical Doctor**, Boca Raton. Perelman violated Florida Statutes as a result of being indicted by a grand jury of the United State District Court for the Southern District of Florida on one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, eight counts of distributing controlled substances, one count of conspiring to distribute hGH and seven counts of unlawfully distributing hGH; inappropriately prescribing excessive or inappropriate quantities of steroids, hGH and/or HCG to patients without medical justification for such treatments and/or without obtaining pretreatment laboratory studies and/or without evaluating the patients at any time and/or without obtaining adequate follow-up laboratory studies; prescribing excessive amounts of steroids, hGH, HGC and/or vitamins to patients without medical justification for such treatments and/or without obtaining pretreatment laboratory studies; failing to adequately treat patients who had abnormal laboratory results and failing to evaluate patients at any time and/or continuing to treat patients without obtaining adequate follow-up laboratory studies.

*Order Lifting Emergency Suspension of a License* – the licensed practitioner’s past emergency suspension order is lifted, restoring the practitioner’s license.

- **David Mitchell Kenton, Medical Doctor**, Deerfield Beach. Kenton’s plea of guilty to one felony count of conspiracy to commit or defraud pursuant to 18 United States Code, Section 371, did not relate to the Medicaid program. ESOs are authorized to be issued under Florida Statute 456.074(1)(b) only if the offense is related to the Medicaid program, therefore this ESO has been lifted.

**View the complete Orders listed above on DOH’s Online Newsroom at <http://newsroom.doh.state.fl.us/category/healthcare-licensing/>.**

Emergency suspension or restriction orders are not considered final agency action but are imposed as specified by section 456.074, Florida Statutes, for serious violations relating to the commission of crimes, standard of care, drug use, or for student loan defaults. The subject is entitled to a hearing before final action is taken by a regulatory board or by DOH.

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