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Alaska State Medical Board Accepts Surrender of License from Dr. Mahmood Ahmad

August 26, 2016 ANCHORAGE – The Alaska State Medical Board accepted the surrender of Dr. Mahmood Ahmad's license to practice medicine in Alaska. The surrender followed a summary suspension—an immediate, temporary restriction of clinical privileges when an investigation shows “clear and immediate threat to public health and safety”—upheld at hearing and adopted by the board earlier this month.

The board accepted the surrender in lieu of potential revocation of licensure for professional incompetence, gross negligence, repeated negligent conduct, and unprofessional conduct. The board was evaluating license revocation based on Dr. Ahmad's opioid prescribing practices that included overprescribing high dose opioids, failing to provide adequate patient assessment and obtain patient background information, failing to provide sufficient monitoring of patients after initiating high dose prescriptions, and failing to maintain complete patient records.

Today's action protects Alaskans and permanently ends the practice of medicine by Dr. Ahmad in the state. Alaska Statute 08.64.334 governs voluntary surrenders:

The board, at its discretion, may accept the voluntary surrender of a license. A license may not be returned unless the board determines, under regulations adopted by it, that the licensee is competent to resume practice. However, a license may not be returned to the licensee if the voluntary surrender resulted in the dropping or suspension of civil or criminal charges against the physician.

Dr. Ahmad's permanent licensure record will reflect the previous summary suspension, the findings from the hearing on the suspension, and the license surrender. Information related to Dr. Ahmad's license, including board actions, is available at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/cbp/Main/ProfDetail.aspx?id=MEDS7923>.

The Alaska State Medical Board adopts regulations to carry out the laws governing the practice of medicine in Alaska. The board makes final licensing decisions and takes disciplinary action against people who violate the licensing laws. The board consists of five physicians, one physician assistant, and two public members; it is staffed by the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing (CBPL). CBPL is a division of the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development tasked with protecting consumers in Alaska. For information about the division, visit commerce.alaska.gov/web/cbpl. For additional information about the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development and its other agencies, visit commerce.alaska.gov.

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