

Report of Public Actions of the Medical Licensure Commission and Board of Medical Examiners

MLC – November 2010

◆ On Nov. 30, the Commission entered an Order lifting the suspension of the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Oscar V. Fadul, MD**, license number MD.9585, Huntsville, AL, subject to the condition that he may not practice medicine until submitting a detailed plan of practice for prior approval.

MLC – December 2010

◆ On Dec. 7, the Commission entered an Order denying the reinstatement application of **John A. King, DO**, a/k/a **Christopher W. Martin, DO**, license number DO.127, Orlando, FL.

◆ Effective Dec. 30, the Commission issued an Order summarily suspending the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Bryant H. Hudson III, MD**, license number MD.4228, Montgomery, AL, until such time as the Administrative Complaint of the Board shall be heard by the

Commission and a decision rendered thereon.

BME – December 2010

◆ On Dec. 15, the Board accepted the voluntary surrender of the certificate of qualification and license to practice medicine in Alabama of **John A. Kreisberg, MD**, license number MD.22819, Mobile, AL.

MLC – January 2011

◆ On Jan. 7, the Commission entered an Order approving the plan of practice of **Michael A. Schwartz, MD**, license number MD.11378, Warrior, AL.

◆ On Jan. 7, the Commission entered an Order approving the plan of practice of **Ervin Wells, MD**, license number MD.28241, Augusta, GA.

◆ On Jan. 26, pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, the Commission entered an Order placing on three-year probation the license to practice

medicine in Alabama of **George R. Storey, MD**, license number MD.15022, Talladega, AL.

MLC – February 2011

◆ On Feb. 3, the Commission entered an Order reinstating to full, unrestricted status the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **William T. Hall Jr., MD**, license number MD.8930, Birmingham, AL.

◆ On Feb. 3, the Commission entered an Order placing on probation the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Thomas Baldwin Lank, MD**, license number MD.13282, Severna Park, MD.

◆ On Feb. 3, the Commission entered an Order requiring certain conditions to be met concerning the license to practice medicine in Alabama of **Jose G. Zavaleta, MD**, license number MD.22305, Pineville, LA.

Electronic prescribing

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patients by use of a single signature. The practitioner will be allowed to sign multiple prescriptions for a single patient at one time. Each controlled substance prescription will have to be indicated as ready for signing, but a single execution of the two-factor authentication protocol can then sign all prescriptions for that patient.

Application certification and auditing

The aspect of application/appliance certification and auditing is not an issue for individual practitioners, institutional practitioners, or pharmacies and pharmacists who use the application. Unless the individual practitioners, institutional practitioners, or pharmacists develop their own application, the practitioner or pharmacist is not subject to the Certification and Auditing Requirements, but their vendors are. The ultimate users of the applications (practitioners) must ensure that the vendors are recog-

nized/authorized providers who are complying with the DEA's regulations as set forth in 1311.120, Electronic prescription application requirements, contained in the rule.

Note

E-prescribing of controlled substances will not be permissible by any practitioner until the DEA makes the determination that the providers of the systems to be used meet all application requirements. That means that e-prescribing of controlled substances has not immediately begun. It will commence only after the DEA has determined that the systems providers have met all of the requirements specified in the rule.

On the Net:

DEA's web site on electronic prescriptions:
http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecommm/e_rx/index.html