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Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

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Lorne Malkiewich, Director
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Dear Mr. Malkiewich:

Pursuant to provisions NRS 630.130, as amended in the last special session of the legislature, the following report is submitted:

A. Disciplinary actions taken by the Board during the previous biennium against physicians for malpractice or negligence

1.) During the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001, the following actions were taken:

October 24, 2000 – Physician placed on probation and assessed costs of disciplinary action.

April 9, 2001 – Physician's license revoked, revocation stayed, physician placed on probation and assessed costs of disciplinary action.

June 4, 2001 - Physician's license revoked and assessed costs of disciplinary action.

September 10, 2001 – Physician placed on probation, assessed costs of disciplinary action, and required to obtain additional continuing medical education.

September 10, 2001 – Physician's license restricted, assessed costs of disciplinary actions, and required to obtain additional continuing medical education.

2.) During the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002, the following actions were taken:

June 1, 2002 – Physician given reprimand, assessed costs of disciplinary action, and required to obtain additional continuing medical education.

June 3, 2002 – Physician agreed to voluntary irrevocable surrender of license while under investigation.

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3.) During the period July 1, 2002 to date, the following actions were taken:

November 2, 2002 – Physician's license summarily suspended pending adjudication of action.

Two physicians were found not guilty of malpractice.

One disciplinary action is pending.

B. Information reported to the Board during the previous biennium pursuant to NRS 630.3067, subsections of 2 and 3 of NRS 630.307 and NRS 690B.045.

Since October 1, 2002, the effective date of the legislation, thirty-six reports were received from insurance carriers informing the Board of disposition of a malpractice claim against a physician licensed by the Board. One report was received from a physician licensed by the Board reporting a malpractice action. That malpractice action had been previously investigated by the Board and had been closed prior to the report.

Of the thirty-six malpractice claim dispositions reported by insurance companies, thirty-three had already been investigated by the Board, and twenty-nine of the investigations had been closed. One report resulted in the surrender of a license, and the remaining reports are still under investigation.

Sincerely,



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Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

cc: Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, Board Members

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