

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
TAREK W. WEHBE, M.D.  
License No: MD08875**

**Summary Suspension**

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline received complaints regarding Tarek W. Wehbe, M.D. (hereinafter the "Respondent") regarding a number of areas of the Respondent's practice. After conducting an investigation into these areas, the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline has brought the investigative findings to the attention of the Director of Health. In accordance with the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 5-37-8, the Director of Health makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions relating to the Respondent's continuation in the practice of medicine.

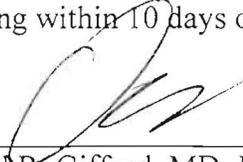
**Findings of Fact**

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline conducted an investigation with the Department of Attorney General Medicaid Fraud and Patient Abuse Unit, United States, Food and Drug Administration, Office of Criminal Investigation, and the United States Department of Justice. This investigation revealed facts that demonstrate a clear pattern of intentional misconduct in the practice of medicine with regard to billing third party payers for services rendered that exceed the number of hours in a day; excessive and inappropriate uses of diagnostic tests; a pattern of failing to adhere to the minimal standards of acceptable medical practice in the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, Hepatitis C, and

Fibromyalgia, and other medical diagnoses; a failure to maintain acceptable standards of practice in the prescribing of pain medication, and a failure to address drug treatment issues when they were brought to his attention by third party payer drug utilization reviewers. The combined patterns of dangerous misconduct, negligence and apparent disregard for acceptable standards of medical practice make the Respondent unfit for the continuation in the practice of medicine.

### ORDER

After considering the findings of the evaluation of the Respondent's professional practice, it has been determined that the continuation in practice of medicine of Tarek W. Wehbe, M.D. would constitute an immediate danger to the public. Accordingly, Tarek W. Wehbe, M.D. is suspended from practicing medicine until further Order of the Department of Health. The Respondent's suspension is in accordance with the provisions of R.I.G.L. § 5-37-8. Respondent is entitled to a hearing within 10 days of the effective date below.

  
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David R. Gifford, MD, MPH  
Director of Health

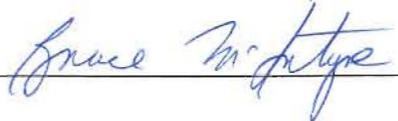
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### CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that a copy of this **Summary Suspension Order** was sent via hand delivery to the Respondent and his attorneys of record on this 7th day of April, 2008 at the following addresses:

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