PHYSICIAN IMPAIRMENT
External Resources for Physicians

- Wellness Committees
- Physician Health Programs
- Substance Abuse Treatment Centers
- Individual Therapy
Voluntary License Status Modifications

• **Disabled License**

Any licensee who demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Board that he or she is unable to practice medicine due to a disability may request a waiver of the license renewal fee. The Board requires that an application be filed which contains a certification from the attending physician attesting to the fact that the individual is unable to practice medicine along with an estimate as to whether the disability is permanent or temporary. While the physician’s license is in “disabled” status, he or she cannot practice medicine. The license status can be returned to “active” status by submitting another application with a certification from the attending physician that the physician is able to return to practice with no restrictions.

• **Voluntary Limitations on Practice**

A licensee may also apply to restore his or her license from a disabled “no practice allowed” status to an active status with limitations on practice. To apply for this status, the licensee must sign an agreement on a form prescribed by the Board in which the licensee agrees to limit his or her practice in the manner as prescribed by the reviewing physician and pays the current (active license) renewal fee.
### Complaint Statistics – Complaints received in FY 2012/2013

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<th>Complaint Allegations</th>
<th>Substance Abuse</th>
<th>Mental Illness</th>
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<td><strong>Total Number Received</strong></td>
<td>45 (7 from out-of-state cases)</td>
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<td>Closed in CCU</td>
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<td>Referred to Investigation</td>
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### Administrative actions of cases involving substance abuse or mental illness

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<th>Self Use/Substance Abuse</th>
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*Diversion Program eliminated in July 2008*
Current Disciplinary Guidelines recommend the following conditions for substance abuse violations:

- Suspension of 60 days or more
- Controlled Substances-Abstain From Use
- Alcohol-Abstain from Use
- Biological Fluid Testing
- Ethics Course
- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Psychotherapy
- Medical Evaluation and Treatment
- Monitoring-Practice/Billing
Additional Conditions for Substance Abusing Licensees

- Clinical Diagnostic Evaluation
- Notice of Employer/Supervisor Information
- Biological Fluid Testing
- Group Support Meetings (if recommended by evaluator)
- Worksite Monitors
Current Disciplinary Guidelines recommend the following conditions for mental/physical illness violations:

- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Psychotherapy
- Medical Evaluation and Treatment
- Monitoring-Practice/Billing
- Solo Practice Prohibition
- Prohibited Practice (i.e., practice restrictions)
Conditions focused on ensuring the physician is “safe to practice”

- Controlled Substances-Abstain From Use
- Alcohol-Abstain from Use
- Biological Fluid Testing
- Psychiatric Evaluation
- Psychotherapy
- Medical Evaluation and Treatment