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Los Angeles/Glendale Physician's License Suspended For Sexual Misconduct And Overprescribing

On February 17, 2016 an Interim Suspension Order (ISO) was ordered against Los Angeles/Glendale physician Manasseh C. Nwaigwe. The Medical Board of California (Board) petitioned for the ISO based on concerns for public safety after an investigation exposed an alleged sexual assault in addition to several instances of alleged overprescribing to patients. The ISO takes effect immediately.

A Board expert determined that allowing Dr. Nwaigwe to continue to practice medicine would be a threat to the health and safety of the consumers of the State of California. A declaration was obtained from the alleged victim regarding the assault. In addition, the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) did several undercover visits after getting a tip regarding improper prescribing. Agents were prescribed a number of narcotics without physical examinations or medical histories. The Board will be filing a formal Accusation against Dr. Nwaigwe. Pursuant to the ISO, Dr. Nwaigwe cannot practice medicine, cannot be present at any location maintained for the purpose of practicing medicine, and cannot advertise or hold himself out as practicing or available to practice medicine, pending the outcome of an administrative hearing on the alleged violations.

Dr. Nwaigwe was previously placed on three years' probation on October 23, 2014, for a conviction for failing to file income tax returns.

If you have any additional information, please contact the Medical Board at 1-800-633-2322 or www.mbc.ca.gov

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