



## **Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners & Nevada State Board of Pharmacy**

### **Joint Press Release November 13, 2008**

#### **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS AND NEVADA STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY SUMMARILY SUSPEND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES PRIVILEGES OF DR. KEVIN R. BUCKWALTER**

At an emergency meeting of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on November 12, 2008, the Board summarily suspended the controlled substances privileges of Las Vegas physician Kevin R. Buckwalter, M.D. Subsequent to the action of the Board of Medical Examiners, the Nevada State Board of Pharmacy, through its Executive Secretary Larry L. Pinson, Pharm.D., also summarily suspended Dr. Buckwalter's controlled substances registration. The effect of this suspension is that Dr. Buckwalter may not prescribe, administer or dispense controlled substances in Nevada, but he may otherwise continue to practice medicine.

The complaint filed against Dr. Buckwalter by staff for the Board of Medical Examiners regards his treatment of four patients for whom he prescribed controlled substances. The complaint charges three counts against Dr. Buckwalter: (1) Malpractice regarding the prescribing of controlled substances to the four patients at issue, constituting violations of NRS 630.301(4) and NAC 630.187; (2) Failure to maintain accurate and complete medical records regarding his prescribing of controlled substances, constituting violations of NRS 630.3062(1) and NAC 630.187; and (3) Prescribing controlled substances in violation of applicable law, and especially by failing to follow the Model Guidelines for the Use of Controlled Substances for the Treatment of Pain in his prescribing of controlled substances, constituting violations of NRS 630.306(3), NAC 630.187 and NAC 630.230(1)(l). Additionally, the Board of Pharmacy alleges that the conduct contained in the Board of Medical Examiners' complaint constitutes violations of NRS 639.210(4), (11) and (12).

The Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Pharmacy each found that the continued exercise of controlled substances privileges by Dr. Buckwalter in Nevada during the pendency of time necessary for a hearing on this complaint would endanger the health, safety and welfare of his patients.

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