



DEFENSE HEALTH AGENCY

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MEMORANDUM FOR

FROM: MILITARY MEDICAL TREATMENT FACILITY, PRIVILEGING AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Notice of Summary Suspension of Clinical Privileges

In accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6025.13, Medical Quality Assurance and Clinical Quality Management in the Military Health System, and Defense Health Agency Procedures Manual (DHA-PM) 6025.13, Clinical Quality Management in the Military Health System, Volume 3: Healthcare Risk Management, effective immediately, your clinical privileges at the Military Medical Treatment Facility, and across the MHS are summarily suspended as follows: all clinical privileges. This action is being taken in response to allegations of inappropriate provider-patient interactions and professional misconduct. These issues have had or could potentially have the following adverse effects on patient safety and healthcare delivery: allegations of provider-patient interactions and boundary violations create a risk of psychological harm to patients; erosion of trust in the therapeutic relationship; and, reduced willingness of patients to disclose clinically relevant information or participate fully in care. Additionally, these concerns may negatively affect patient confidence in the MTF, particularly for patients who may be considered vulnerable due to age, dependency status, or other risk factors. The alleged incident raises questions about your professional judgment, which could also call into question your clinical judgment.

During this period of summary suspension, you are relieved of the following clinical duties: you may not participate in any patient care duties. You will report to to receive administrative/non-patient-care assignments as appropriate.

A summary suspension is a removal of some or all of your clinical privileges. If the summary suspension is longer than 30 calendar days and your privileges have not been reinstated, the action must be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB) and states of licensure. Depending on the final action decision, a Revision-to-Action Report will be submitted to the NPDB upon final action decision and completion of the matter, as applicable.

You are also notified that a Quality Assurance Investigation (QAI) will be conducted on the allegations specified above. You will receive a redacted copy of the report and given 15 calendar days to submit a written statement to the Credentials Committee/Function (CCF). The CCF will review both the QAI Report and your statement and make a recommendation to the MTF Privileging Authority regarding your clinical privileges. You do not have the right to attend the CCF meeting. Your written statement may be submitted to [YYY.YYY@health.mil](mailto:YYY.YYY@health.mil).

If the MTF Privileging Authority proposes an adverse action on your clinical privileges, you have a right to request a Peer Review Hearing Panel. The MTF Privileging Authority will make an action decision following this hearing. If you exercise the right to a hearing, you will also have a right to submit a written appeal to the DHA Report Authority (DHA Director) if the MTF Privileging Authority's action decision is adverse. The DHA Report Authority will review your appeal and make a final determination. If this final determination is adverse, it will require reporting to the NPDB, states of licensure, and applicable regulatory agencies.

Privileged providers who separate, retire, are discharged, are reassigned outside of the MHS, are terminated, or end affiliation with the Military Health System (MHS) while a clinical adverse action review is taking place may be reported to the NPDB, state licensing agencies, and other regulatory agencies, as appropriate, after the allegations are fully investigated. You may request that the due process review of your clinical privileges continue if you end affiliation with the MHS. If you request continuation of the due process, a final report will not be made (if indicated) until completion of the due process. If you want a continuation of due process, you must submit a request in writing to the MTF Privileging Authority within 5 calendar days following your knowledge of the change in employment affiliation status. Written requests may be submitted to YYY.YYY@health.mil. If you do not request continuation of due process, a report may be made to the NPDB, states of licensure, and applicable regulatory agencies after the allegations are fully investigated and a determination is made by the DIIA Report Authority.

Any previous permission to engage in off-duty employment involving patient care is hereby withdrawn until completion of all due process procedures. Notification of this summary suspension will also be given to any other military or civilian medical treatment facilities where you maintain privileges pursuant to a training agreement, resource sharing agreement or other similar arrangement.

Director,  
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Privileging Authority

Cc:

1. AAAA, Medical Staff Manager
2. AAAA, Healthcare Risk Manager
3. Civilian Personnel Office
4. Healthcare Risk Management, Defense Health Network--Continental
5. Healthcare Risk Management, DHA HQ