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DWC Suspends 10 Medical Providers

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has suspended 10 more medical providers from participating in California's workers' compensation system, bringing the total number of providers suspended to 207.

DWC Administrative Director George Parisotto [issued suspension orders](#) against the following providers because their licenses were suspended, surrendered or revoked:

- Gerald David Ebner, Santa Maria physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 based on grounds of sexual misconduct with a patient and unprofessional conduct.
- Jeffrey Michael Young, Aptos physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 after he violated the Medical Practice Act and committed gross negligence for maintaining a nonmedical relationship with a patient while continuing to provide medical care to him.
- Denise Ann Hamilton, Xenia, Ohio physician, had her medical license revoked in 2017 after the Medical Board of Ohio suspended her license for alcohol abuse and failure to complete required treatment.
- Nicole Jean Craven, Winter Park, Florida physician, surrendered her medical license in 2017 after the Florida Surgeon General restricted her license for misconduct.
- Matthew Seth Gordon, Salem, Oregon physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 based on grounds of discipline, restriction or limitation for unprofessional conduct imposed by the Oregon Medical Board.
- Martin Paul Ross, Seattle, Washington physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 based on grounds of discipline, restriction or limitation for unprofessional conduct imposed by the Washington Medical Quality Assurance Commission.
- Hygin Thykootathil Andrew, Fresno physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 due to his illness.
- Vergil Duane Sisson, Highland physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 after the Medical Board found that he suffers from an illness affecting his ability to practice medicine.

- Richard Berton Mantell, Dana Point physician, surrendered his medical license in 2017 after the medical board found his ability to practice medicine was impaired.
- Bradford Winslow Noll, Beverly, Massachusetts physician, surrendered his medical license voluntarily in 2017.

AB 1244, which went into effect January 1, 2017, requires DWC's Administrative Director to suspend any medical provider, physician or practitioner from participating in the workers' compensation system in cases in which:

- The provider has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving fraud or abuse of the Medi-Cal or Medicare programs or the workers' compensation system, fraud or abuse of a patient, or related types of misconduct;
- The provider has been suspended due to fraud or abuse from the Medicare or Medicaid (including Medi-Cal) programs; or
- The provider's license or certificate to provide health care has been surrendered or revoked.

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR's) [fraud prevention efforts](#) are posted online, including frequently updated lists for physicians, practitioners, and providers who have been issued [notices of suspension](#), those who have been [suspended pursuant to Labor Code §139.21\(a\)\(1\)](#), and information on [lien consolidations and the Special Adjudication Unit](#).

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