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TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO CORRECTIVE ORDER HEARINGS

Austin – The Texas Medical Board has announced changes to the Corrective Order hearings that involve violations of the Medical Practice Act. These Corrective Orders are offered to Respondents in lieu of an Informal Show Cause and Settlement Conference (ISC).

The Board will schedule a hearing on all Corrective Orders on one day per month (Corrective Order Day). Notice of the setting will be sent out 30-45 days prior to the hearing day, and will simply notify the Respondents that they are to appear on that date on a first come, first serve basis.

The hearings generally will last no longer than one-half hour and will begin at 8:30 a.m. and continue until 12:30 p.m., at which time lunch will be observed. The hearings will resume at 1:00 p.m. and proceed until the last case is called, with the anticipated end time of approximately 5:00 p.m. This new process will resemble a Docket Call at the court.

Previously, Corrective Order hearings were sent out to Respondents and required them to sign and return the order within 15 days of receipt to the Board, or to not sign it and opt for an ISC hearing. Since these orders are often signed at the last minute and are taken off the established ISC schedule, these cancellations affect all cases scheduled for that day. It also affects the preparation put in by ISC Panel Representatives, the hearings counsels and Staff attorneys.

The Board believes this new process will allow themselves, its ISC Panel Representatives and Staff to more effectively and efficiently process the work done at the Board.

For more information on the new Corrective Order hearings, contact the Texas Medical Board at (512) 305-7100.

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