

State Board of Medicine Issues Immediate, Temporary Suspension Against Physician; Dr. Harvey Brookman Performed 2,400 Procedures Without Insurance

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HARRISBURG, Pa., April 19 /PRNewswire/ -- Basil Merenda, Commissioner of the Department of State's Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced that the State Board of Medicine has issued an immediate, temporary order suspending the physician license of Harvey Brookman, MD, of Yardley, Bucks County.

The State Board of Medicine through its Probable Cause Screening Committee may temporarily suspend the license of a physician without hearing when the licensee is believed to be an immediate and clear danger to the health and safety of the public.

Dr. Brookman is accused of performing 2,400 medical procedures without medical liability insurance, which is mandatory in Pennsylvania. In one instance, a young woman had to be rushed to a local hospital to have her life saved after a procedure in Brookman's office.

According to state law, the Board has 30 days from the date of the order to conduct a preliminary hearing to determine if there are enough facts and evidence to support the suspension. If there are, the Department of State will then take formal action to suspend, revoke or restrict Brookman's license.

The suspension is in effect until vacated by the Board, but may not last for longer than 180 days. The Department has already filed an Order to Show Cause seeking long-term discipline up to and including permanent revocation of Brookman's license.

The Department of State protects the public's health, safety and welfare by licensing business, health and real estate professionals; maintaining

registration and financial records on thousands of charities soliciting contributions in Pennsylvania; overseeing the state's electoral process; sanctioning professional boxing, kick-boxing and wrestling in the state; and maintaining corporate filings.

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