

BEFORE THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD  
STATE OF COLORADO  
CASE NO: 2016-2158-A

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**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST POST-SUSPENSION HEARING**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AS A  
PHYSICIAN IN THE STATE OF COLORADO OF RICHARD J. SETTLES, D.O.,  
LICENSE NO. DR-48410,

Respondent.

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**NOTICE**

COMES NOW the Colorado Medical Board (the "Board"), Inquiry Panel A (the "Panel") and gives notice to Richard J. Settles D.O., that on April 22, 2016, the Panel ordered that suspension of your license to practice medicine in the State of Colorado occur pursuant to Section 24-4-104(4), C.R.S., **effective at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016.** This notice is being provided pursuant to the Board Rules and Regulations Regarding Suspensions, Rule 280. Those Rules and Regulations are attached for your reference.

You may request a hearing before the Panel at its next regularly scheduled meeting, which occurs on **May 18, 2016,** beginning at **12:30 p.m.,** to offer evidence or legal argument as to why the suspension should be set aside, but must do so no later than **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016,** by submitting such request in writing to the attention of Karen M. McGovern, Program Director for the Board, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1300, Denver, Colorado 80202. A request for a hearing may be submitted electronically to Ms. McGovern at [karen.mcgovern@state.co.us](mailto:karen.mcgovern@state.co.us).

You may submit any written materials up to a limit of 30 pages to the attention of Karen M. McGovern, Program Director for the Board, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1300, Denver, Colorado 80202, but must do so prior to the deadline of **12:00 p.m. on Friday, April 29, 2016.** Submissions may be made electronically to Ms. McGovern at [karen.mcgovern@state.co.us](mailto:karen.mcgovern@state.co.us). Written materials submitted by this deadline will be distributed to Panel members prior to the meeting. Written materials not submitted by this deadline may be presented during the hearing as set forth in the attached Rules and Regulations regarding suspension.

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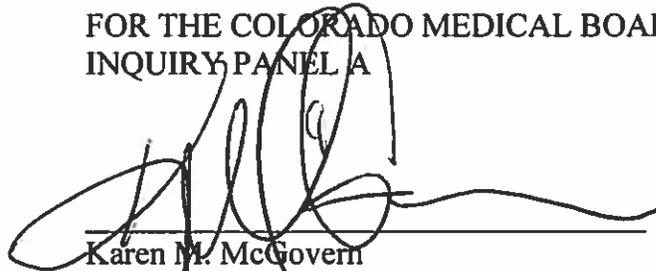
On April 22, 2016, the Panel reviewed materials relating to case number 2016-2158-A and found that based upon the information reviewed, the Panel had reasonable

grounds to believe that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and/or that Respondent was guilty of a deliberate and willful violation of the Medical Practice Act. The Panel reviewed information regarding Respondent's use of another physician's DEA registration to authorize prescriptions. The Panel found that, although Respondent did not have an active DEA registration number as of February 29, 2016, Respondent authorized prescriptions for controlled substances for at least four patients between March 7, 2016 and March 15, 2016, using another physician's DEA registration.

The Panel considered this information and determined, upon full investigation, that it has objective and reasonable grounds to believe and finds that Respondent deliberately and willfully violated the Medical Practice Act and/or that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action pursuant to Section 24-4-104(4), C.R.S.

Dated this 22nd day of April, 2016.

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD  
INQUIRY PANEL A

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Karen M. McGovern  
Program Director  
Colorado Medical Board  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Denver, Colorado 80202

*Delegated by Panel A to sign on its behalf*

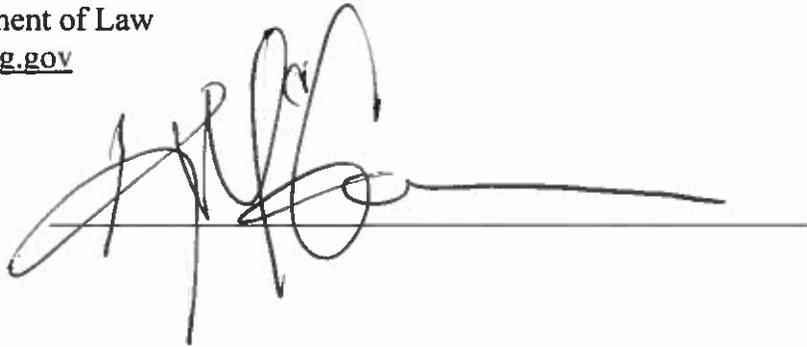
**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that I have duly served the within **NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST POST-SUSPENSION HEARING** upon all parties herein by the delivery methods as identified below, at Denver, Colorado, this 22nd day of April, 2016 addressed as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By United States mail, postage prepaid <input type="checkbox"/> By Electronic Mail  Richard J. Settles, D.O. 10752 N. 89th Pl. Unit 218 Scottsdale, AZ 85260  <i>Public Address of record</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By United States mail, postage prepaid <input type="checkbox"/> By Electronic Mail  Richard J. Settles, D.O. 715 Horizon Dr. 200 Grand Junction, CO 81506  <i>Mailing Address of record</i>
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Copy sent via  interagency mail,  electronic mail or  facsimile to:

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**ORDER OF SUSPENSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 24-4-104(4), C.R.S.**

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TO: RICHARD J. SETTLES, D.O.  
10752 N. 89<sup>th</sup> Pl. Unit 218  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260

Inquiry Panel A (“Panel”) of the Colorado Medical Board (the “Colorado Board”), having reviewed this matter during its meeting of the Panel on April 22, 2016, hereby finds as follows:

1. Respondent was licensed to practice medicine in the state of Colorado on December 10, 2009, and was issued license number DR-48410, which Respondent has held continuously since that date.

2. On April 22, 2016, the Panel reviewed materials relating to case number 2016-2158-A and found that based upon the information reviewed, the Panel had reasonable grounds to believe that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and/or that Respondent was guilty of a deliberate and willful violation of the Medical Practice Act. The Panel reviewed information regarding Respondent’s use of another physician’s DEA registration to authorize prescriptions. The Panel found that, although Respondent did not have an active DEA registration number as of February 29, 2016, Respondent authorized prescriptions for controlled substances for at least four patients between March 7, 2016 and March 15, 2016, using another physician’s DEA registration.

3. Based upon paragraphs 1-3, the Panel has objective and reasonable grounds to believe and finds that Respondent deliberately and willfully violated the Medical Practice Act and/or that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

4. The Panel incorporates paragraphs 1 through 3 in its findings for this Order of Suspension from the Practice of Medicine.

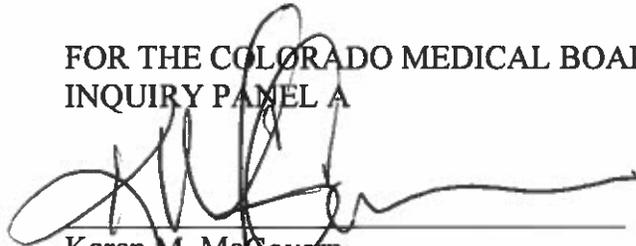
5. The Panel is therefore authorized by Section 24-4-104(4), C.R.S. to suspend Respondent's license to practice medicine in this state pending proceedings for suspension or revocation.

WHEREFORE, it is ordered that:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine in this state is hereby suspended, effective at 7:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2016.
2. The suspension shall remain in effect until resolution of this matter.

ENTERED this 22nd day of April, 2016.

FOR THE COLORADO MEDICAL BOARD  
INQUIRY PANEL A



Karen M. McGovern  
Program Director  
Colorado Medical Board  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1300  
Denver, Colorado 80202

*Delegated by Panel A/B to sign on its behalf*

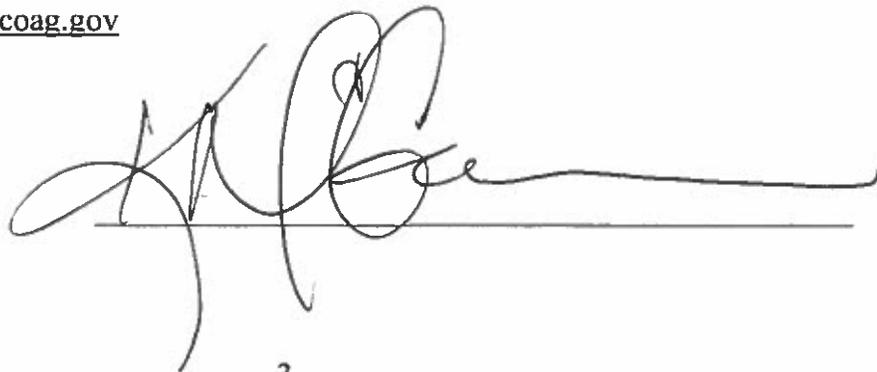
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Copy sent via  interagency mail,  electronic mail or  facsimile to:

Ashley Moller Klein  
Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Colorado Department of Law  
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Moller Klein', is written over a horizontal line.