



BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

TO: Children, Families, Health and Human Services Interim Committee
FROM: Ian Marquand, Board of Medical Examiners Exec. Officer
RE: Annual Report on Medical Marijuana Complaints
DATE: 6/2/2015

In compliance with 37-3-203(3) MCA, the Board of Medical Examiners is providing this annual report on the number of complaints and disciplinary actions involving physician practices in providing written certification of individuals for use of marijuana for a debilitating medical condition provided for in Title 50, chapter 46.

Since July 1, 2014, the Board has received no new complaints about its licensees regarding the written certification of individuals for use of medical marijuana.

On May 15, 2015, the Board's Adjudication Panel approved a final order implementing a stipulation between the Board and Chris Christensen, M.D. While the compliance proceeding did not originate as a complaint involving medical marijuana, the Board addressed Dr. Christensen's practices related to certifying individuals for use of medical marijuana. As part of the stipulation and final order, the Board imposed several conditions on Dr. Christensen's ability to certify individuals for use of medical marijuana, including a requirement to report to the Board of Medical Examiners' compliance specialist. The stipulation and final order are available for viewing on the Department of Labor and Industry's public Licensee Lookup service at <https://ebiz.mt.gov/pol>.

The Board's compliance specialist also reports one pending matter involving a complaint from a prior year. No disciplinary action has been issued in that matter during Fiscal Year 2015 and the Adjudication Panel is not expected to resolve it before the fiscal year ends June 30.