



ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2020-15A

Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary
State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
101 NE 51st Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

March 24, 2020

Dear Dr. Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take with respect to medical licensee MD 23655 in case 9-12-3897. In May 2017, the licensee agreed to specific terms in an Agreement for Licensure (*See* A.G. Opin. 2017-501A). In April 2019, a Complaint was filed, alleging that the licensee violated the terms of the Agreement for Licensure by prescribing CDS for periods longer than three months. Following a hearing, the Board found that the licensee was guilty of some of the alleged violations and not guilty of others. The Board proposes to suspend the license for six months.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act authorizes the Board to suspend or revoke a license and order other appropriate sanctions against a licensee for unprofessional conduct, which includes “[p]rescribing, dispensing or administering of controlled substances or narcotic drugs in excess of the amount considered good medical practice.” 59 O.S.Supp.2019, §§ 503, 509(16)(a). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to protect the citizens of Oklahoma.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State’s policy of protecting the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of Oklahoma.

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