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STATE OF OKLAHOMA

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
2018-191A

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

June 12, 2018

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 pursuant to a consent agreement with respect to respiratory care practitioner licensee RC 4190 in case 18-01-5573. The licensee practiced with an inactive license from December 2016 through April 2017. The Board proposes to formally reprimand the licensee, fine the licensee \$1,500, and impose standard terms and conditions.

The Respiratory Care Practice Act authorizes the board to “revoke, suspend or refuse to renew any license or place on probation, or otherwise reprimand a licensee . . . if it finds that the person . . . [h]as practiced respiratory care after the license has expired or has been suspended.” 59 O.S.2011, § 2040(6). The Board may reasonably believe that the proposed action is necessary to deter future violations.

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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MIKE HUNTER  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA

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RYAN CHAFFIN  
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