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Dr. Harold T. Wilkerson 227 W. Main St. Campbellsville, KY 42718

RE: License 3792; Order and Notice of Immediate, Temporary Suspension of Kentucky License to Practice Dentistry

Dear Dr. Wilkerson,

The Kentucky Board of Dentistry has become aware of concerns regarding your competency to practice dentistry under the Kentucky Dental Practice Act. Pursuant to KRS 313.090, an investigation was opened into your infection control practices, the preliminary results of which were presented to the Board's Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) on Nov. 1, 2024. The LEC determined there to be substantial evidence that your practice of dentistry represents an immediate danger to the health, welfare, and safety of patients as well as the general public. Based on its investigation, including your own admissions to investigator Micheal Scanlon, the LEC has determined that you are not in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Settings, as is required by 201 KAR 8:540(5)(1)(a). Specifically, you were found to have repeatedly committed the following violations:

- Failure to use gloves in situations involving possible contact with blood or body fluids, mucous membranes, non-intact skin, or other potentially infectious materials,
- Failure to use a chemical indicator inside each pack,
- Failure to label sterile packs with the sterilizer used, the cycle or load number, and date of sterilization,
- Failure to use a biological indicator (i.e., spore test) at least weekly, and
- Failure to heat-sterilize dental handpieces and other devices not permanently attached to air and waterlines.

With due regard for the totality of the circumstances, the Board, by and through a majority vote of the LEC, hereby orders that your license to practice dentistry in Kentucky be immediately and temporarily suspended for the reasons set forth above as necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

This Immediate, Temporary Suspension shall become effective upon service by personal delivery or by mail to your last known address on record with the Board, but not later than the time of personal service to you of this letter. You may not practice dentistry as that term is defined in KRS 313.010(11) effective upon delivery of this Notice of Immediate Temporary Suspension, unless you hold a current license in good standing issued by the Board.

Since you are immediately, temporarily suspended, you shall make appropriate professional arrangements to refer your dental patients by providing such referrals, by placing an appropriate written notice in your dental office, if any, or window visible to the public, and by staffing your dental office, if any, for a reasonable time starting immediately, so that an office staff person is available to make continued referrals in person.

You may appeal this action of the Board under KRS 313.085, or as otherwise allowed, by filing a written request with the Board within thirty (30) days after receipt of this Order, at the address on this letterhead, by notifying the Board through its staff that you desire a due process hearing, which will be conducted under KRS 13B125. A request for a hearing does not stay the effectiveness of the Order.

The Board requires that you review this Order, sign and date it below, and provide a copy to the representative of the Board, or mail/fax a copy to the Board at the address on this letterhead.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Kentucky Board of Dentistry office.

Sincerely,

Date: _

Dr. Brad Fulkerson

Chair, Law Enforcement Committee

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Kentucky Board of Dentistry

I hereby acknowledge receipt of the copy of the above Order and Notice of Immediate, Temporary Suspension of the Kentucky License and will abide by its terms until further order of the Board.

Dr. Harold T. Wilkerson