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# **APRIL 2022 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

### **ACCUSATIONS FILED**

Name and City	License No.	Date Filed	Alleged Violation(s)
<b>Bittle, Ronald Dale</b> Santa Clarita, CA	DC 29611	4/1/2022	<ul> <li>BPC 490 and CCR 317(g) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime (Driving While Having 0.08% or More Alcohol in Blood)</li> <li>CCR 317(e) – Unprofessional Conduct: Intentionally or Recklessly Causing Harm to the Public</li> <li>CCR 317(f) – Unprofessional Conduct: Dangerous Use of Alcoholic Beverages</li> </ul>
Areta, Steven Francis Rialto, CA	DC 32676	4/14/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Gross Negligence</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(b) – Unprofessional Conduct: Repeated Negligent Acts</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(e) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conduct Endangering Public Health, Safety and Welfare</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(k) – Unprofessional Conduct: Moral Turpitude/Dishonesty</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(l) – Unprofessional Conduct: Misrepresentation in a Document</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 317(q) – Unprofessional Conduct: Acts of Fraud</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 318(a) – Inadequate Patient Records</li> <li>CCR 316(a) and 318(b) – Accountable Billing</li> </ul>

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Straw, Philip Arthur Ladera Ranch, CA	DC 24628	4/20/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 316 and 317(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Gross Negligence</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(b) – Unprofessional Conduct: Repeated Acts of Negligence</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(e) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conduct That Endangers or Is Likely to Endanger Health, Welfare or Safety of the Public</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(m) – Unprofessional Conduct: Violating Board Regulation Regarding Patient Billings (CCR 318(b))</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(k) – Unprofessional Conduct: Dishonest Acts</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(l) – Unprofessional Conduct: False Representation of Facts</li> <li>CCR 316 and 317(q) – Unprofessional Conduct: Act of Fraud or Misrepresentation</li> <li>CCR 302(a)(4)(A), (a)(4), and (a)(7) – Exceeding Scope of Practice</li> </ul>
<b>Collins, Curtis Wayne</b> Bakersfield, CA	DC 28356	4/29/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 317(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Gross Negligence</li> <li>CCR 317(e) – Unprofessional Conduct: Endangering the Health, Welfare, or Safety of the Public</li> <li>CCR 302(a)(4)(E) – Exceeding Scope of Practice</li> <li>CCR 319.1(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Provide Informed Consent Inclusive of Material Risk</li> <li>CCR 318(a) – Failure to Maintain Complete Patient Records</li> <li>CCR 317(q) – Unprofessional Conduct: Act of Fraud or Misrepresentation</li> </ul>
Okhowat, Omid Los Angeles, CA	DC 26462	4/29/2022	<ul> <li>BPC 490 and CCR 317(g) – Unprofessional Conduct: Substantially Related Criminal Conviction (Participating in Patient Referral Rebates)</li> <li>CCR 317(h) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction Involving Moral Turpitude, Dishonesty, or Corruption</li> <li>CCR 317(k) – Unprofessional Conduct: Acts Involving Moral Turpitude and Dishonesty</li> <li>CCR 317(q) – Unprofessional Conduct: Participation in Acts of Fraud and/or Misrepresentation</li> <li>CCR 317(t) – Unprofessional Conduct: Participation in Referring Patients</li> </ul>

#### **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Name and City	License No.	Action	Effective Date	Violation(s)
<b>Forrest, Alan</b> Tarzana, CA	DC 14038	Stayed Revocation, 5 Years' Probation	4/1/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 317(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Gross Negligence</li> <li>CCR 316(c) and BPC 726(a) – Unprofessional Conduct: Sexual Relations with a Patient</li> <li>CCR 318(a)(2) and (3) – Deficient Patient Records</li> </ul>
Hafner, Diane Helen Atherton, CA	DC 20209	Revoked	4/7/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 317(e) – Unprofessional Conduct: Endangering the Health, Welfare, or Safety of the Public</li> <li>CCR 317(g) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of a Crime Substantially Related to Chiropractic Practice</li> <li>CCR 317(h) – Unprofessional Conduct: Conviction of an Offense Involving Physical Violence</li> <li>BPC 822 and CCR 315 – Mental/Physical Illness Affecting Competency</li> <li>BPC 821 – Failure to Comply with Order for Examination</li> </ul>
Ward, Stephen Michael Long Beach, CA	DC 20438	Stayed Revocation, 3 Years' Probation	4/8/2022	<ul> <li>BPC 726(a) and CCR 316(c) – Sexual Misconduct with a Patient</li> <li>CCR 317(k) – Unprofessional Conduct: Acts Involving Moral Turpitude</li> <li>CCR 317(a) and 319.1 – Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Obtain Written Informed Consent</li> <li>CCR 317(m) – Unprofessional Conduct: Failure to Comply with Board Regulations</li> <li>CCR 318(a)(2), (3), (4), and (7) – Chiropractic Patient Records: Required Content</li> </ul>

#### **FINAL CITATIONS**

Name and City	License No.	Fine Amount	Date Final	Violation(s)
Kowalczyk, Keith A. Los Angeles, CA	DC 34122	\$2,000	4/1/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 303 – Filing of Addresses</li> <li>CCR 308 – Display of License</li> <li>CCR 318(a) – Failure to Maintain Patient Records</li> <li>CCR 318(b) – Failure to Ensure Accurate Billings</li> </ul>
Braun, Richard Paul, III Beverly Hills, CA	DC 33684	\$1,500	4/17/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 303 – Filing of Addresses</li> <li>CCR 308 – Display of License</li> <li>CCR 318(a) – Failure to Maintain Patient Records</li> <li>CCR 318(b) – Failure to Ensure Accurate Billings</li> </ul>
<b>DeMoss, William Lyle</b> Newport Beach, CA	DC 17462	\$1,500	4/17/2022	<ul> <li>CCR 316(a) – Responsibility for Conduct on Premises</li> <li>CCR 317(m) – Unprofessional Conduct: Violation of Board Regulations</li> </ul>

#### PETITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE

No Data to Report

## PETITIONS FOR EARLY TERMINATION OR MODIFICATION OF PROBATION

No Data to Report

**STATEMENT OF ISSUES** 

No Data to Report