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APRIL 2022 ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

ACCUSATIONS FILED

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

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

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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

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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	 CCR 303 – Filing of Addresses CCR 308 – Display of License CCR 318(a) – Failure to Maintain Patient Records CCR 318(b) – Failure to Ensure Accurate Billings
Braun, Richard Paul, III Beverly Hills, CA	DC 33684	\$1,500	4/17/2022	 CCR 303 – Filing of Addresses CCR 308 – Display of License CCR 318(a) – Failure to Maintain Patient Records CCR 318(b) – Failure to Ensure Accurate Billings
DeMoss, William Lyle Newport Beach, CA	DC 17462	\$1,500	4/17/2022	 CCR 316(a) – Responsibility for Conduct on Premises CCR 317(m) – Unprofessional Conduct: Violation of Board Regulations

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

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