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Recently, the Iowa Board of Medicine took the following action:

Richard L. Hauser, M.D., a 68-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced psychiatry in Iowa City and Grinnell, Iowa, entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board on November 9, 2017. The Board charged Dr. Hauser with engaging in unethical or unprofessional conduct and being convicted of a felony related to the practice of medicine in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Dr. Hauser submitted false claims to Iowa Medicaid and Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield for a more expensive service than was actually provided in order to receive a profit "up coding" while practicing psychiatry in Grinnell, Iowa, between November 2011 and December 2012. On October 19, 2016, Dr. Hauser pleaded guilty to two (2) counts of health care fraud in the United States District Court, Southern District of Iowa, and he was sentenced to sixty (60) days in federal prison. Under the terms of the November 9, 2017, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Hauser a Citation and Warning and he voluntarily surrendered his Iowa medical license.

When appropriate, disciplinary actions are reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, an electronic repository administered by the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration to track adverse license actions.

CONSUMER COMPLAINTS: Consumers can submit complaints against physicians by clicking **HERE**, visiting the Board's Website at **www.medicalboard.iowa.gov**, calling (515) 281-5847, or mail to 400 SW 8th Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309.