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## **PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (November 18, 2019)**

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

**Michael A. Dehner, M.D.**, a 67 year-old Iowa-licensed physician who practices general medicine in Anamosa, Iowa, had the terms of a disciplinary order terminated by the Board on November 8, 2019. On November 15, 2012, Dr. Dehner entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Iowa Board. On February 15, 2012, the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Wisconsin Board) issued a Final Decision and Order restricting Dr. Dehner's Wisconsin medicine license for failing to provide appropriate medical care to a patient. Under the terms of the November 15, 2012, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Iowa Board issued Dr. Dehner a Citation and Warning and placed him on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. On November 8, 2019, the Iowa Board terminated the terms of Dr. Dehner's Order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

**Eric F. Opheim, D.O.**, a 59-year-old Iowa-licensed physician who formerly practiced family medicine in Grundy Center, Iowa, and currently practices in Newton, Iowa, had the terms of a disciplinary order terminated by the Board on November 8, 2019. On May 15, 2015, Dr. Opheim entered into a combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement with the Board. The Board alleged that Dr. Opheim engaged in sexual harassment and unethical or unprofessional conduct in violation of the laws and rules governing the practice of medicine in Iowa. Under the terms of the May 15, 2015, combined Statement of Charges and Settlement Agreement, the Board issued Dr. Opheim a Citation and Warning and ordered him to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and successfully complete a Board-approved professional boundaries program. The Board also placed Dr. Opheim on probation for a period of five years subject to Board monitoring. On November 8, 2019, the Board terminated the terms of Dr. Opheim's Order and his Iowa medical license was returned to its full privileges, free and clear of all restrictions.

**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](http://www.medicalboard.iowa.gov), calling (515) 281-5847, or mail to 400 S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. C, Des Moines, IA 50309.**