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New York -- SWCB Removes Three Docs from Worker Treatment List: EAST [12/11/09]

The New York State Workers' Compensation Board (SWCB) announced Thursday it has removed three doctors from the authorization list for treating injured workers.

SWCB said that Dr. Richard J. Lewis was suspended from treating injured workers based on a Nov. 20 "non-practice of medicine" order issued by the state Board for Professional Medical Conduct. SWCB said the order was non-disciplinary in nature and will remain in effect pending the conclusion of a current investigation by the board's Office of Professional Conduct.

SWCB said Lewis was suspended from treating workers' compensation claimants effective Nov. 20. Reports of treatments rendered prior to that date are to be considered valid.

SWCB said no current address for Lewis was available.

On Nov. 13, Dr. Anil K. Tripathy, of Wassaic, N.Y., signed a consent order with the Board for Professional Medical Conduct admitting to fraud. SWCB said Tripathy agreed to a three-year suspension with all but six months of that period stayed.

Tripathy is prohibited from treating injured workers between Nov. 13, 2009 and May 12, 2010, SWCB said in the announcement.

Reports of treatments rendered prior to Nov. 13 are to be considered valid, SWCB said.

The board also reported Thursday that New York chiropractor Christopher G. King surrendered his license to practice chiropractic medicine on Nov. 2 under an agreement with the New York State Department of Education. SWCB said King's name was stricken from the list of chiropractors authorized to treat injured workers effective Nov. 2.

Medical reports covering treatment rendered prior to that date are to be considered valid, SWCB said in a notice. The board said it has no current address for King.

Questions can be directed to the Office of General Counsel at 518-486-9564.

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