



**PRESS RELEASE  
IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE  
(July 1, 2020)**

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

**Derek J. Ellingson, D.O.**, a 41-year-old physician who formerly practiced oncology in Anchorage, Alaska, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board of Medicine on June 30, 2020. The Iowa Board received information which indicates that Dr. Ellingson was subject to discipline by and later terminated from his employment with Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) in Anchorage, Alaska. The information indicates that Dr. Ellingson's privileges at the ANMC were suspended on July 16, 2019. A review of Dr. Ellingson's performance revealed issues with patient care, errors in diagnosis and tumor measurement, and errors in documentation. Dr. Ellingson was later terminated in September 2019. Under the terms of the June 30, 2020, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Ellingson a permanent Iowa medical license, issued him a Citation and Warning and placed him under a Board monitoring program based on the disciplinary action taken by his employer in Anchorage, Alaska.

**Edward J. Picardi, M.D.**, a 63-year-old physician who currently resides in Sturgis, South Dakota, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Iowa Board of Medicine on June 30, 2020. In October, 2012, Dr. Picardi was convicted in federal court of thirteen (13) felony counts, including five (5) counts of income tax evasion, five (5) counts of filing a false return, and three (3) counts of failing to file required forms for foreign bank accounts with the Internal Revenue Service. On April 3, 2013, the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners (South Dakota Board) revoked Dr. Picardi's license to practice medicine in South Dakota due to the 2012 conviction. On May 7, 2013, Dr. Picardi was sentenced to sixty (60) months in prison. Dr. Picardi was released from custody in 2016 after serving approximately thirty-six (36) months in prison. On September 12, 2019, the South Dakota Board entered an order permitting Dr. Picardi's medical license to be reissued in South Dakota pending his submission of an application and the completion of an approved fitness-to-practice evaluation. Dr. Picardi has since completed the evaluation and was granted an unrestricted license to practice medicine in South Dakota. Under the terms of the June 30, 2020, Consent Agreement, the Iowa Board granted Dr. Picardi a permanent Iowa medical license and issued him a Citation and Warning based on the criminal convictions and the disciplinary action in South Dakota.

**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 at <https://medicalboard.iowa.gov/consumers/filing-complaint>, by calling (515) 281-5847 or mail to 400 SW 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite C, Des Moines, IA 50309.

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<https://eservices.iowa.gov/PublicPortal/iowa/IBM/licenseQuery/LicenseQuery.jsp?Profession=Physician>

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