

## STATE OF IOWA

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## PRESS RELEASE IOWA BOARD OF MEDICINE (November 23, 2021)

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

Parth S. Bharill, M.D., a 63-year-old physician was granted a permanent lowa medical license subject to the terms of a Consent Agreement on November 2, 2021. On September 3, 2019, Dr. Bharill entered a plea of guilty to one count of Conspiracy to Distribute Suboxone Outside the Usual Course of Professional Practice in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841(a)(1) and 846. The facts established that on six occasions Dr. Bharill distributed Suboxone without a legitimate medical purpose and outside the usual course of professional practice. On February 4, 2020, Judgment was entered against Dr. Bharill in this case, and he was sentenced to five years probation and ordered to pay \$73,176.95 in restitution, fines, and assessments. Subsequently, Dr. Bharill's medical licenses in other states were subject to disciplinary action. On August 21, 2019, the Florida Board of Medicine suspended Applicant's medical license. On March 9, 2020, the West Virginia Board of Medicine revoked Applicant's medical license. On March 17, 2020, the Pennsylvania State Board of Medicine placed Applicant's medical license on indefinite probation and prohibited Applicant from prescribing controlled substances. Under the terms of the November 2, 2021, the Board issued Dr. Bharill a Citation and Warning and prohibited him from prescribing or administering controlled substances. The prohibition does not prevent Dr. Bharill from administering controlled substances during the performance of gastroenterology procedures where such controlled substances are necessary for completion of the procedure. The practice restriction shall continue indefinitely.

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.

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