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Board of Healing Arts issues emergency suspension of Atchison doctor's license

The Kansas State Board of Healing Arts issued an emergency suspension Tuesday, June 30, of the license of James Walter Rider, M.D., Atchison, because of imminent danger to public health and safety.

The petition filed alleges violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act, which include failure to maintain a professional liability insurance policy and pay the premium surcharges. Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3402, 40-3403a and 40-3404, a licensee is required to maintain a policy of professional liability insurance and pay the premium surcharges. This is required to ensure patient safety and that if a patient was harmed by a licensee, the patient would have appropriate legal recourse.

Dr. Rider is entitled to a hearing on the temporary order of emergency suspension to determine whether or not the suspension should remain in effect pending a full hearing on the disciplinary petition. Neither hearing has been scheduled at this time.

Dr. Rider has held a Kansas license since 1976. He has had no prior disciplinary action.

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