BEFORE THE MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D.

Case No. 800-2019-052569

Physician's & Surgeon's Certificate No. G 23982

Respondent.

DECISION

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted as the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California.

This Decision shall become effective at 5:00 p.m. on September 17, 2021.

IT IS SO ORDERED: August 18, 2021.

MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA

Laurie Rose Lubiano, J.D., Vice Chair

Panel A

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10	STATE OF CALIFORNIA			
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 800-2019-052569		
13	RICHARD EUGENE HILTNER, M.D.	OAH No. 2021030348		
14	169 East El Roblar Ojai, CA 93023			
15 16	Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 23982,	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER		
17	Respondent.			
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19	IT IS HEDEDY STIDI II ATED AND A CD	EED by and between the parties to the above-		
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21	entitled proceedings that the following matters are true:			
22	PARTIES			
23	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of			
24	California (Board). He brought this action solely in his official capacity and is represented in this			
25	matter by Matthew Rodriquez, Acting Attorney General of the State of California, by Trina L.			
26	Saunders, Deputy Attorney General.			
27	2. Respondent Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D. (Respondent) is representing himself in			
28	this proceeding and has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.			
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STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (800-2019-052569)

3. On or about January 26, 1973, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 23982 to Respondent. The Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569, and will expire on October 31, 2022, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 4. Accusation No. 800-2019-052569, was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on November 19, 2020. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 5. A copy of Accusation No. 800-2019-052569 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 6. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569. Respondent has also carefully read and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 7. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 8. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

9. Respondent understands and agrees that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569, if proven at a hearing, constitute cause for imposing discipline upon his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate.

- 10. Respondent agrees that, at a hearing, Complainant could establish a prima facie case for the charges in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569, and that Respondent hereby gives up his right to contest those charges.
- 11. Respondent agrees that his Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Medical Board of California. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Medical Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. Respondent agrees that if he ever petitions for early termination or modification of probation, or if an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation is filed against him before the Board, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569, shall be deemed true, correct and fully admitted by respondent for purposes of any such proceeding or any other licensing proceeding involving Respondent in the State of California.
- 14. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including PDF and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or opportunity to be heard by the Respondent, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 23982 issued to Respondent Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D., is revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for four (4) years on the following terms and conditions:

- 1. <u>EDUCATION COURSE</u>. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, and on an annual basis thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Board or its designee for its prior approval educational program(s) or course(s) which shall not be less than 40 hours per year, for each year of probation. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be aimed at correcting any areas of deficient practice or knowledge, specifically including pediatrics and childhood vaccinations, and shall be Category I certified. The educational program(s) or course(s) shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure. Following the completion of each course, the Board or its designee may administer an examination to test Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide proof of attendance for 65 hours of CME of which 40 hours were in satisfaction of this condition.
- 2. <u>MEDICAL RECORD KEEPING COURSE</u>. Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a course in medical record keeping approved in advance by the Board or its designee. Respondent shall provide the approved course provider with any information and documents that the approved course provider may deem pertinent. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete the classroom component of the course not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment. Respondent shall successfully complete any other component of the course within one (1) year of enrollment. The medical record keeping course shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A medical record keeping course taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision, may in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the course would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the course been taken after the effective date of

this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the course, or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

3. PROFESSIONALISM PROGRAM (ETHICS COURSE). Within 60 calendar days of the effective date of this Decision, Respondent shall enroll in a professionalism program, that meets the requirements of Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1358.1. Respondent shall participate in and successfully complete that program. Respondent shall provide any information and documents that the program may deem pertinent. Respondent shall successfully complete the classroom component of the program not later than six (6) months after Respondent's initial enrollment, and the longitudinal component of the program not later than the time specified by the program, but no later than one (1) year after attending the classroom component. The professionalism program shall be at Respondent's expense and shall be in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) requirements for renewal of licensure.

A professionalism program taken after the acts that gave rise to the charges in the Accusation, but prior to the effective date of the Decision may, in the sole discretion of the Board or its designee, be accepted towards the fulfillment of this condition if the program would have been approved by the Board or its designee had the program been taken after the effective date of this Decision.

Respondent shall submit a certification of successful completion to the Board or its designee not later than 15 calendar days after successfully completing the program or not later than 15 calendar days after the effective date of the Decision, whichever is later.

4. PROHIBITED PRACTICE. During probation, Respondent is prohibited from writing vaccine exemptions for any individual. After the effective date of this Decision, all patients of Respondent to whom he has issued a vaccine exemption, shall be notified that the Respondent is prohibited from writing vaccine exemptions. Any new patients seeking pediatric care, and any patient seeking a vaccination exemption of any type must be provided this notification at the time of their initial appointment.

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Respondent shall maintain a log of all patients to whom the required oral notification was made. The log shall contain the: 1) patient's name, address and phone number; 2) patient's medical record number, if available; 3) the full name of the person making the notification; 4) the date the notification was made; and 5) a description of the notification given. Respondent shall keep this log in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, shall make the log available for immediate inspection and copying on the premises at all times during business hours by the Board or its designee, and shall retain the log for the entire term of probation.

5. NOTIFICATION. Within seven (7) days of the effective date of this Decision, the Respondent shall provide a true copy of this Decision and Accusation to the Chief of Staff or the Chief Executive Officer at every hospital where privileges or membership are extended to Respondent, at any other facility where Respondent engages in the practice of medicine, including all physician and locum tenens registries or other similar agencies, and to the Chief Executive Officer at every insurance carrier which extends malpractice insurance coverage to Respondent. Respondent shall submit proof of compliance to the Board or its designee within 15 calendar days.

This condition shall apply to any change(s) in hospitals, other facilities or insurance carrier.

- 6. <u>SUPERVISION OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND ADVANCED PRACTICE</u>

 <u>NURSES.</u> During probation, Respondent is prohibited from supervising physician assistants and advanced practice nurses.
- 7. <u>OBEY ALL LAWS</u>. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, all rules governing the practice of medicine in California and remain in full compliance with any court ordered criminal probation, payments, and other orders.
- 8. <u>QUARTERLY DECLARATIONS</u>. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Board, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.

Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations not later than 10 calendar days after the end of the preceding quarter.

9. GENERAL PROBATION REQUIREMENTS.

Compliance with Probation Unit

Respondent shall comply with the Board's probation unit.

Address Changes

Respondent shall, at all times, keep the Board informed of Respondent's business and residence addresses, email address (if available), and telephone number. Changes of such addresses shall be immediately communicated in writing to the Board or its designee. Under no circumstances shall a post office box serve as an address of record, except as allowed by Business and Professions Code section 2021, subdivision (b).

Place of Practice

Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine in Respondent's or patient's place of residence, unless the patient resides in a skilled nursing facility or other similar licensed facility.

License Renewal

Respondent shall maintain a current and renewed California physician's and surgeon's license.

Travel or Residence Outside California

Respondent shall immediately inform the Board or its designee, in writing, of travel to any areas outside the jurisdiction of California which lasts, or is contemplated to last, more than thirty (30) calendar days.

In the event Respondent should leave the State of California to reside or to practice,
Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing 30 calendar days prior to the dates of
departure and return.

- 10. <u>INTERVIEW WITH THE BOARD OR ITS DESIGNEE</u>. Respondent shall be available in person upon request for interviews either at Respondent's place of business or at the probation unit office, with or without prior notice throughout the term of probation.
- 11. <u>NON-PRACTICE WHILE ON PROBATION</u>. Respondent shall notify the Board or its designee in writing within 15 calendar days of any periods of non-practice lasting more than

30 calendar days and within 15 calendar days of Respondent's return to practice. Non-practice is defined as any period of time Respondent is not practicing medicine as defined in Business and Professions Code sections 2051 and 2052 for at least 40 hours in a calendar month in direct patient care, clinical activity or teaching, or other activity as approved by the Board. If Respondent resides in California and is considered to be in non-practice, Respondent shall comply with all terms and conditions of probation. All time spent in an intensive training program which has been approved by the Board or its designee shall not be considered non-practice and does not relieve Respondent from complying with all the terms and conditions of probation. Practicing medicine in another state of the United States or Federal jurisdiction while on probation with the medical licensing authority of that state or jurisdiction shall not be considered non-practice. A Board-ordered suspension of practice shall not be considered as a period of non-practice.

In the event Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation exceeds 18 calendar months, Respondent shall successfully complete the Federation of State Medical Board's Special Purpose Examination, or, at the Board's discretion, a clinical competence assessment program that meets the criteria of Condition 18 of the current version of the Board's "Manual of Model Disciplinary Orders and Disciplinary Guidelines" prior to resuming the practice of medicine.

Respondent's period of non-practice while on probation shall not exceed two (2) years.

Periods of non-practice will not apply to the reduction of the probationary term.

Periods of non-practice for a Respondent residing outside of California will relieve

Respondent of the responsibility to comply with the probationary terms and conditions with the exception of this condition and the following terms and conditions of probation: Obey All Laws;

General Probation Requirements; Quarterly Declarations; Abstain from the Use of Alcohol and/or Controlled Substances; and Biological Fluid Testing.

12. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>. Respondent shall comply with all financial obligations (e.g., restitution, probation costs) not later than 120 calendar days prior to the completion of probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's certificate shall be fully restored.

- 13. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u>. Failure to fully comply with any term or condition of probation is a violation of probation. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Board, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an Accusation, or Petition to Revoke Probation, or an Interim Suspension Order is filed against Respondent during probation, the Board shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.
- Respondent ceases practicing due to retirement or health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may request to surrender his or her license.

 The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion in determining whether or not to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrender, Respondent shall within 15 calendar days deliver Respondent's wallet and wall certificate to the Board or its designee and Respondent shall no longer practice medicine. Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation. If Respondent re-applies for a medical license, the application shall be treated as a petition for reinstatement of a revoked certificate.
- 15. <u>PROBATION MONITORING COSTS</u>. Respondent shall pay the costs associated with probation monitoring each and every year of probation, as designated by the Board, which may be adjusted on an annual basis. Such costs shall be payable to the Medical Board of California and delivered to the Board or its designee no later than January 31 of each calendar year.
- 16. <u>FUTURE ADMISSIONS CLAUSE</u>. If Respondent should ever apply or reapply for a new license or certification, or petition for reinstatement of a license, by any other health care licensing action agency in the State of California, all of the charges and allegations contained in Accusation No. 800-2019-052569 shall be deemed to be true, correct, and admitted by Respondent for the purpose of any Statement of Issues or any other proceeding seeking to deny or restrict license.

ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Medical Board of California.

DATED:

RICHARD EUGENE HILTNER M.D. Respondent

ENDORSEMENT

The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical Board of California.

DATED: 7/7/2/

Respectfully submitted.

MATTHEW RODRIQUEZ Acting Attorney General of California E. A. JONES III Supervising Deputy Attorney General

TRINA L. SAUNDERS
Deputy Attorney General
Attorneys for Complainant

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Exhibit A

Accusation No. 800-2019-052569

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20	<u>PARTIES</u>					
21	1. William Prasifka (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity					
22	as the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs					
23	(Board).					
24	2. On or about January 26, 1973, the Medical Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's					
25	Certificate Number G 23982 to Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D. (Respondent). The Physician's and					
26	Surgeon's Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought					
27	herein and will expire on October 31, 2022, unless	s renewed.				
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(RICHARD EUGENE HILTNER, M.D.) ACCUSATION NO. 800-2019-052569

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JURISDICTION -

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code (Code) unless otherwise indicated.
 - 4. Section 2227 of the Code states:
 - (a) A licensee whose matter has been heard by an administrative law judge of the Medical Quality Hearing Panel as designated in Section 11371 of the Government Code, or whose default has been entered, and who is found guilty, or who has entered into a stipulation for disciplinary action with the board, may, in accordance with the provisions of this chapter:
 - (1) Have his or her license revoked upon order of the board.
 - (2) Have his or her right to practice suspended for a period not to exceed one year upon order of the board.
 - (3) Be placed on probation and be required to pay the costs of probation monitoring upon order of the board.
 - (4) Be publicly reprimanded by the board. The public reprimand may include a requirement that the licensee complete relevant educational courses approved by the board.
 - (5) Have any other action taken in relation to discipline as part of an order of probation, as the board or an administrative law judge may deem proper.
 - (b) Any matter heard pursuant to subdivision (a), except for warning letters, medical review or advisory conferences, professional competency examinations, continuing education activities, and cost reimbursement associated therewith that are agreed to with the board and successfully completed by the licensee, or other matters made confidential or privileged by existing law, is deemed public, and shall be made available to the public by the board pursuant to Section 803.1.
 - 5. Section 2234 of the Code, states:

The board shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate any provision of this chapter.
 - (b) Gross negligence.
- (c) Repeated negligent acts. To be repeated, there must be two or more negligent acts or omissions. An initial negligent act or omission followed by a separate and distinct departure from the applicable standard of care shall constitute repeated negligent acts.
 - (1) An initial negligent diagnosis followed by an act or omission medically

appropriate for that negligent diagnosis of the patient shall constitute a single negligent act.

- (2) When the standard of care requires a change in the diagnosis, act, or omission that constitutes the negligent act described in paragraph (1), including, but not limited to, a reevaluation of the diagnosis or a change in treatment, and the licensee's conduct departs from the applicable standard of care, each departure constitutes a separate and distinct breach of the standard of care.
- (d) Incompetence.
- (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption that is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
 - (f) Any action or conduct that would have warranted the denial of a certificate.
- (g) The failure by a certificate holder, in the absence of good cause, to attend and participate in an interview by the board. This subdivision shall only apply to a certificate holder who is the subject of an investigation by the board.
- 6. Section 2266 of the Code states: "The failure of a physician and surgeon to maintain adequate and accurate records relating to the provision of services to their patients constitutes unprofessional conduct."

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Gross Negligence)

- 7. Respondent Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2234, subdivision (b), in that he was grossly negligent in his care and treatment of Patient A., a minor, who he only saw on one office visit. The circumstances are as follows:
- 8. On November 26, 2018, four-month-old Patient A presented to Respondent for her first and only visit with him. She was brought in by her mother. The purpose of the visit is not clearly delineated in the medical record. Patient A had an established primary care physician. During the visit, Respondent provided a permanent medical exemption for all school-required immunizations recorded on the American Academy of Pediatrics/California Academy of Family Physicians form. The sole reason stated on the form for issuing this broad exemption is, "Family history of autoimmune . . . [illegible] . . . and severe vaccine reactions."

¹ The letter A has been used in place of the patient's name to protect the patient's privacy in his/her medical information.

- 9. The medical record maintained by Respondent contains multiple illegible entries, making it impossible to determine to what degree Respondent documented Patient A's family history. It is equally impossible to determine if Respondent made any diagnosis that would qualify as a recognized exemption from particular school-required immunizations.
- 10. The medical records maintained by Respondent do not document any conversations with Patient A's father.
- 11. Patient A's records maintained by her primary doctor do not contain documentation of any diagnosis that would contraindicate immunization.
- 12. On June 26, 2020, Respondent participated in a Board interview that was conducted by an investigator of the Health Quality Investigation Unit. During the interview, Respondent stated that the only reason for issuing the exemption was a family history of autoimmune diseases and a family history of allergic reactions. He stated that he was not aware of, nor did he make any diagnosis of Patient A on which he based his immunization exemption. Respondent stated that he was not aware of any condition Patient A had, or prior diagnosis made of her, upon which he based his decision to issue an immunization exemption.
- 13. During his interview Respondent expressed a preference for homeopathic "immunization," to standard immunization. However, he also demonstrated a lack of basic knowledge about the risks of vaccine preventable diseases and the vaccines available to prevent them. Respondent acknowledged that he does not know how well homeopathic immunizations prevent disease.
- 14. The standard of care requires that a physician evaluate a patient for possible reactions to vaccine, obtain a detailed history of the vaccines previously received, as well as the patient's reaction/reactions that occurred. A medical exemption must be based on a patient's medical condition that might lead a vaccine to cause harm. These conditions are listed by the Centers for Disease Control as contraindications or precautions for vaccination and are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Family Physicians.

1	15. Respondent was grossly negligent and departed from the standard of care in that he		
2	issued a broad and permanent exemption from immunization based solely on Patient A's family		
3	history.		
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5	SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE		
6	(Repeated Negligent Acts)		
7	16. Respondent Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under		
8	Code section 2234, subdivision (c), in that he was repeatedly negligent in his care and treatment		
9	of Patient A. The circumstances are as follows:		
10	17. Paragraphs 8 through 15 are incorporated by reference as though fully set forth.		
11	18. Respondent further departed from the standard of care by failing to discuss the risks		
12	and benefits of issuing an immunization exemption with both of Patient A's parents.		
13	THIRD CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE		
14	(Failure to Maintain Adequate Records)		
15	19. Respondent Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D. is subject to disciplinary action under		
16	Code section 2266, in that he failed to maintain adequate and accurate records related to the care		
17	and treatment of Patient A.		
18	20. Specifically, Respondent did not document the provision of informed refusal to		
19	Patient A's parents, and did not maintain a complete and legible medical record to justify his		
20	medical decision to issue a permanent immunization exemption.		
21	<u>PRAYER</u>		
22	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged,		
23	and that following the hearing, the Medical Board of California issue a decision:		
24	1. Revoking or suspending Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G 23982,		
25	issued to Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D.;		
26	2. Revoking, suspending or denying approval of Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D.'s		
27	authority to supervise physician assistants and advanced practice nurses;		
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1	3. Ordering Richard Eugene Hiltner, M.D., if placed on probation, to pay the Board the			
2	costs of pr	costs of probation monitoring; and		
3	4.	4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.		
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5	DATED:	Nav. 19, 2020	William H	
6			WILLIAM PRASIFKA Executive Director	
7			Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State of California	
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