

Reports of Scams on Physicians and Physician Assistants – Remain on High Alert

Previously, the Board announced a number of physicians throughout Kentucky received phone calls and correspondence claiming to be the Board threatening action against the physician's license unless a payment is received. It is our understanding these fraudulent activities have increased in recent weeks. These scammers are becoming more sophisticated and often times use an urgent and aggressive tone, refusing to speak to or leave a message with anyone other than their targeted victim.

Please be aware the Board or its staff will never contact physicians by telephone, fax, or letter to demand money or any other form of payment, will never request personal or sensitive information over the phone, and will only notify physicians of a legitimate investigation or legal action in person or by official correspondence. There have been numerous reports of physicians being threatened with arrest, prosecution, imprisonment, and suspension or revocation of their medical licenses. An example of one of the fraudulent attempts is attached.

With that in mind, the Board would like to remind you that our office does not operate in this manner and any correspondence from the Board would appear on formal Board letterhead or from an email address ending with ky.gov. For instance, our general email is kbml@ky.gov. While the appropriate authorities have been made aware of these fraudulent attempts, the Board encourages all of its licensees to be on alert and are encouraged to contact our office at (502) 429-7150 in the event you want to verify official board communications.