

## **Licensee Scam Alert – November 12, 2024**

### **Physician Assistant Board**

The Physician Assistant Board (Board) has learned of a scam targeting licensees. In the scheme, which is done by phone, individuals identify themselves as Board employees or investigators, notify the licensee that they are under investigation for drug trafficking by the Board, local law enforcement, Drug Enforcement Administration, and/or the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and then demand money.

The callers may be “spoofing” Board telephone numbers to make the calls appear legitimate.

How to protect yourself:

- If you have any doubts or questions about someone claiming to represent the Board, hang up, then call the Board directly at (916) 561-8780, even if the call comes from what appears to be the Board’s number. You can also email the Board at [paboard@dca.ca.gov](mailto:paboard@dca.ca.gov).
- Refuse payment.
- Never disclose personal information, without first taking steps to verify that the person requesting the information has a legitimate need for it.
- You can also consider simply taking down the caller’s information (including name, title, phone number, and email address), let them know you will follow-up directly with the Board, and end the call.
- You may also consider ending the call without explanation if it appears suspicious or to be a scam.