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Federation of State Medical Boards Expands Online Physician Profile Service

DALLAS—The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) has released an enhanced version of Docinfo (www.docinfo.org), the nation's leading source for consolidated state medical board data on U.S. physicians. First introduced in 2001 to provide medical board disciplinary data to consumers, Docinfo has been expanded to include physicians' educational background, medical specialty and licensure history.

The enhanced Docinfo gives consumers instant access to the nation's largest repository of physician licensure and disciplinary data – more than 1.3 million records dating to the 1960s. The FSMB, which represents the 70 medical boards in the United States, has been collecting physician disciplinary information since 1912.

“By expanding the content of the physician profiles on Docinfo, we have significantly increased the amount of information available to consumers to make educated choices when selecting a physician,” said Tim Knetler, vice president of the FSMB's Member Resource Centers and Services.

Consumers conducting physician searches on Docinfo will receive a Physician Profile Report listing the physician's medical school and year of graduation, medical specialty, medical licensure history by state and any disciplinary actions taken against the physician by a state medical board or other agency.

In the event a physician has had a disciplinary action, the Profile Report will list the type of action taken (e.g., license revocation, suspension or probation), the reason the action was taken (e.g., quality of care, substance abuse, sexual misconduct or unprofessional conduct), the medical board or agency that initiated the action, and the date the action was taken.

Additionally, Docinfo has been enhanced to include educational information to help consumers interpret profile reports and physician qualifications. Consumers can search the profiles of U.S. licensed physicians through Docinfo by using a physician's name, address location and medical specialty. The cost per physician search request is \$9.95, and can be paid online by using MasterCard or Visa. Search requests can also be made by mail.

The FSMB is a national not-for-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories. The FSMB's mission is to continuously improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care by developing and promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice. For more information, visit the FSMB's website at www.fsmb.org.