

SUMMARY

DR. STACEY L. HRYCIUK (CPSO# 97986)

1. Disposition

On December 6, 2017, the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee (“the Committee”) required Dr. Hryciuk to appear before a panel of the Committee to be cautioned with respect to unprofessional behaviour in submitting false claims to an insurance company.

Note: While Dr. Hryciuk’s Postgraduate Education Certificate with the College expired on June 30, 2017, the Committee retains jurisdiction over expired members for investigations into professional misconduct or incompetence that occurred when the person was a member. The conduct at issue in this case occurred when Dr. Hryciuk held a certificate of registration issued by the College.

2. Introduction

The College received information raising concerns that Dr. Hryciuk had submitted false health claims to her insurance company and subsequently, the Committee approved the Registrar’s appointment of investigators to further investigate this matter. Dr. Hryciuk did not deny submitting false health claims to the insurer and she explained the reasons for it. She indicated she was taking steps to repay the debt.

3. Committee Process

A General Panel of the Committee, consisting of public and physician members, met to review the relevant records and documents related to the investigation. The Committee always has before it applicable legislation and regulations, along with policies that the College has developed, which reflect the College’s professional expectations for physicians practising in

Ontario. Current versions of these documents are available on the College's website at www.cpsso.on.ca, under the heading "Policies & Publications."

4. Committee's Analysis

While Dr. Hryciuk has negotiated a repayment plan with her insurer, it is troubling that she engaged in unprofessional behaviour in submitting the false health claims. The Committee was sufficiently concerned by Dr. Hryciuk's unprofessional behaviour that it decided to require her to attend at the College to be cautioned in person.

While Dr. Hryciuk does not have an active certificate of registration with the College at the present time, if and when she does reapply to the College, information from this investigation will be before the College's Registration Committee.