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## NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

### HEALTH DIVISION ISSUES CEASE and DESIST ORDER TO UNLICENSED AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

(Carson City, NV) – The Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance today delivered a cease and desist letter to a Las Vegas physician’s office operating as an unlicensed ambulatory surgery center. The letter was delivered to the Skin + Body Institute, 2451 Professional Court, Suite 110 in Las Vegas. The clinic is operated by Dr. Sean Su.

The letter was hand delivered by bureau investigators who inspected the office today after receiving notification on Wednesday from the Board of Medical Examiners about a breast augmentation surgery and follow up procedure performed there that ultimately resulted in the patient being hospitalized with an infection.

Among the findings of the investigators today was that the Skin + Body Institute was stocked with expired medications and unlabeled medication, as well as severe breakdowns in infection control practices, including sterile supply breaches and a lack of documentation on the use, operation and maintenance of sterilization equipment.

“While we expect doctors to follow law, it’s clear that there are those who operate in bad faith and don’t follow the laws the State of Nevada,” said Health Division Administrator Richard Whitley. “It is illegal to perform surgery in a facility not licensed by the state of Nevada to do so. This law is in place to protect the public from problems such as this one.”

It is not clear at this point what type of business license the Skin + Body Institute holds from the local government, but it was not licensed as an ambulatory surgery center.

The case in question involved an initial breast augmentation surgery performed by Dr. Su at the Skin + Body Institute on April 16, 2009. The patient returned to Dr. Su on June 3, 2009 to address problems with the first procedure and an implant was reinserted. The patient was admitted to a southern Nevada hospital on June 15, 2009 with an infection in the area of the surgery, leading to an eventual complaint to the Board of Medical Examiners, which is conducting its own investigation into Dr. Su.

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Following the action taken today by the State Health Division, documentation is being turned over to the Board of Pharmacy and the Attorney General's office for further review.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance protects the safety and welfare of the public through the promotion and advocacy of quality health care through licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. This mission is accomplished through the Bureau's two sections: Licensure and Certification, which regulates facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers and laboratories; and Radiological Health, which evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation such as X-ray machines, sources of radiation to treat cancer and mammography units.

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