

Walker Needs to Urge DSPS to Revoke VA Dr. Houlihan's Medical License

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MADISON - Recent reports show Dr. David Houlihan, also known as the "Candy Man" for his reckless prescription of opioids at the Tomah VA clinic, is continuing to practice medicine at a clinic in La Crosse. Houlihan allegedly prescribed " [dosages greatly exceeding the recommended daily amount](#) " and led to the death of at least one of his patients.

The Wisconsin Medical Board, made up of appointees of Gov. Scott Walker, has the ability to revoke Houlihan's license, but the governor has yet to ask the board to so.

"For 12 years Dr. Houlihan handed out dangerous opioids like they were M&Ms, and now Republicans are failing to keep him away from patients," said Democratic Party of Wisconsin spokesman Brandon Weathersby. "Gov. Scott Walker must urge the state to pull Dr. Houlihan's license to practice medicine or explain to the people of Wisconsin why he refuses to do so."

The U.S. Senate's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee will hold a field hearing on May 31 to hear testimony about Dr. Houlihan's disturbing behavior and pattern of abuse at the Tomah VA clinic.

Veterans were let down by Sen. Ron Johnson when his office sat on whistleblower tips regarding the Tomah VA, allowing them to languish in what the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel described as ["the equivalent of a congressional black hole."](#) Now, those very same veterans, and the people of Wisconsin, continue to be let down by Gov. Scott Walker.