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**Friday, May 20, 2016**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on May 19, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of William Ortiz, M.D. and Reinaldo O. De Los Heros, M.D.

The Board reprimanded Dr. William Ortiz after he agreed in a Consent Order that he had been disciplined by the State of Maine Board of Licensure in Medicine for having engaged in unprofessional conduct; specifically, issuing medical marijuana certificates to 59 patients over the course of two days and keeping incomplete records for those patients. A fine of $2,500 was also imposed. Dr. Ortiz, who is employed as a nocturnist at St. Vincent Hospital in Worcester, graduated from New York Medical College in 1996. Dr. Ortiz has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1999. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Florida and Maine.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Reinaldo O. De Los Heros’s right to renew his license to practice medicine. Dr. De Los Heros, a board-certified psychiatrist, is a 1978 graduate of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1978. Dr. De Los Heros is licensed to practice medicine in Maine. He was previously disciplined by the Board in 1997 and 2007.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions. More information is available at [www.mass.gov/massmedboard](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard), or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at (781) 876-8202.