**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:**  At its meeting on June 30, 2016, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Yoon H. Choi, M.D., and Paul A. Keefe, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Yoon H. Choi after finding that he poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Choi improperly prescribed opioids, benzodiazepines and other medications to two patients.  Dr. Choi has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Choi is associated with the Steward Medical Group in Brockton and Good Samaritan Medical Center.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Paul A. Keefe, M.D.  The resignation signed by Dr. Keefe is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine in the United States. Dr. Keefe, a board-certified internist, was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 1982 until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine in October 2015.   He was previously licensed to practice medicine in New Hampshire, New York and Rhode Island.

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 Katie Condon at (781) 876-8241.