**Friday, January 27, 2017**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting on January 26, 2017, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Cynthia J. Provow, M.D. and Alisa Kohn, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Cynthia J. Provow’s right to renew her medical license after finding that Dr. Provow’s care of an obstetrical patient was substandard. A subsequent assessment of Dr. Provow’s clinical skills found her skills in surgical gynecology to be weak and her knowledge bases to have a number of gaps, particularly in surgery-related topics. Dr. Provow was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from 2002 until 2012, when her license expired. Dr. Provow previously practiced obstetrics and gynecology in a group practice in Pittsfield.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Alisa Kohn. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine anywhere in the country. Dr. Kohn, a board-certified internist has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 2000.

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 bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us .