

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, SS.

Board of Registration in Medicine

Adjudicatory Case No. 2017-051

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In the Matter of)
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RICHARD H. MATTHEWS, M.D.)
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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure Governing Disciplinary Proceedings of the Board of Registration in Medicine, 243 CMR 1.03(11)(a), the Board of Registration in Medicine (the "Board") **ORDERS** that:

The certificate of registration to practice medicine in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Richard H. Matthews, M.D. ("Dr. Matthews" or the "Respondent"), Registration No. 209900, is **SUSPENDED** effective immediately. Dr. Matthews must cease the practice of medicine immediately, and he is directed to surrender his wallet card and wall certificate to the Board forthwith.

The Board has determined that the health, safety, and welfare of the public necessitate said suspension.

The Respondent shall provide a copy of this Order of Suspension within twenty-four (24) hours to the following designated entities: any in- or out-of-state hospital, nursing home, clinic, other licensed facility, or municipal, state, or federal facility at which he practices medicine; any in- or out-of-state health maintenance organization with whom he has privileges or any other kind of association; any state agency, in- or out-of-state, with which he has a provider contract; any in- or out-of-state medical employer, whether or not he practices medicine there; and the state licensing boards of all states in which he has any kind of license to practice medicine; Drug Enforcement Administration Boston Diversion Group; and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Drug Control Program. The Respondent is further directed to certify to the Board within forty-eight (48) hours that he has complied with this directive.



Kathleen Sullivan Meyer, Esq.
Acting Board Chair

Dated: November 22, 2017