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George Zachos

Executive Director

Board of Registration in Medicine

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**Re: Proposed Regulations 243 CMR 1.00 and 243 CMR 3.00**

Dear Mr. Zachos:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments related to the changes proposed to the Disciplinary Proceedings and Patient Care Assessment provisions in the Board of Registration in Medicine’s (Board) proposed regulations.

Providing safe, quality care to our community is our number one priority and I appreciate the Boards efforts to upgrade its regulations.

I’m writing to express concern about certain proposed changes that may prove burdensome for health care organizations. I support the Massachusetts Hospital and Health Association’s (MHA) recommendation to remove Subsection 3.10 and form a stakeholder group to help develop appropriate requirements that improve patient safety but do not add unreasonable operational burdens on healthcare providers.

The MHA letter included detailed comments in several sections and I support their analysis and recommendations. I want to emphasize my support for the telemedicine recommendations within the Patient Care Assessment Program – Credentialing section.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to submit comments.

Sincerely,

Joanne Marqusee

President and Chief Executive Officer