

MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on January 25, 2018, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Eugene Jagella, M.D. and Richard J. Goldbaum, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Eugene Jagella after finding that he poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Jagella's treatment of several patients fell below the standard of care because, among other things, he prescribed high doses of narcotics without establishing clear benefits, he ignored a patient's repeated obvious signs of opioid abuse, including active heroin use, drug seeking behavior, and significant overdoses, and failed to implement the terms of narcotic agreements when one existed. Dr. Jagella has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Jagella has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1991 and has an independent practice based in Milford. Dr. Jagella is also licensed to practice medicine in Texas.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Richard J. Goldbaum. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Goldbaum has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1979. Prior to entering a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board in April 3, 2017, Dr. Goldbaum practiced medicine at Harrington Memorial Hospital.

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, or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at bridgette.sanders@massmail.state.ma.us