**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine recently took disciplinary action against the medical license*s* of Jonathan A. Benjamin, M.D. and Donald T. Nicell, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended Dr. Jonathan A. Benjamin’s medical license after finding that he poses a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Benjamin engaged in boundary violations, including unwanted physical contact, with female family members of patients. Dr. Benjamin has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Benjamin is board certified in pediatrics. He has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since May of 1981. Dr. Benjamin owns his own medical practice in Newton.

In a Consent Order, the Board reprimanded Dr. Donald T. Nicell’s license to practice medicine after he agreed that he had been disciplined by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline, to wit, for engaging in conduct which places into question his competence to practice medicine, including, but not limited to, gross negligence or negligence on repeated occasions. The Board also imposed a fine of $1,000. Dr. Nicell was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on November 3, 2004. Dr. Nicell, a teleradiologist, based in Minnesota, is board certified in Diagnostic Radiology and is currently licensed to practice medicine in over forty states.

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 the Board at borimmediamassmail.state.ma.us.