**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on June 25, 2020, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Anna Danuta Steiner, M.D., Craig S. Vinch, M.D. and Carol Naranjo, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Anna D. Steiner’s right to renew her license to practice medicine after the Board found that she participated in a telemedicine scheme which involved writing prescriptions for individuals she did not know and who were not her patients, and obtaining kickbacks for having prescriptions for high-cost pain medication and durable medical equipment filled by out -of-state pharmacies, which billed BlueCross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts and Tufts Health Plan members. Dr. Steiner also falsely answered a question on her Massachusetts license renewal application about ongoing investigations. She also has been indicted for conspiracy to commit health care fraud. Dr. Steiner was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June 24, 1992 until she failed to renew her license on October 31, 2019. She currently resides and practices medicine in New York. Dr. Steiner is also licensed to practice medicine in California.

In another Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Craig Vinch’s right to renew his medical license after the Board found that he had been convicted of a crime – assault. Dr. Vinch was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth June 9, 1999 until July 7, 2014. He is currently licensed to practice medicine in Illinois.

The Board accepted Dr. Carol Naranjo’s resignation of her license to practice medicine. Dr. Naranjo was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in May 1997. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. She last practiced medicine at Beverly Hospital in 2019.

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 borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us.