**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on June 30, 2022, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of George J. Madera, M.D. and Leonardo V. Riella, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended Dr. George J. Madera’s medical license after finding that he poses a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Madera has been disciplined by the New Mexico Medical Board for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline including, but not limited to, lacking good moral character and engaging in conduct which undermines the public confidence in the profession. Dr. Madera has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Madera has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since June 12, 2002. Dr. Madera last practiced medicine in New Mexico in March 2019. Dr. Madera has an active license to practice medicine in California.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board stayed the suspension of Dr. Leonardo Riella’s license to practice medicine after it found that he improperly accessed a medical record and disclosed its contents to a third party. The suspension was immediately stayed for ninety days to allow for payment of a fine and submission of a plan for continuing medical education in the area of patient medical record confidentiality and the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. Dr. Riella was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on January 10, 2007. Dr. Riella is employed to practice medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. He is currently licensed to practice medicine in New Hampshire and Rhode Island.

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..