**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on March 23, 2023, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Alexandra L. Accardi, M.D., Donald E. Berman, M.D., and Harvey C. Jenkins, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board indefinitely suspended the medical license of Dr. Alexandra L. Accardi after it found that Dr. Accardi committed misconduct in the practice of medicine and engaged in conduct that places into question her competence to practice medicine in failing to establish and maintain necessary physician-patient boundaries with a patient. The suspension is stayed for 90 days and Dr. Accardi may petition for further stay upon submission of the results of a clinical skills assessment and agreement to such terms as the Board may determine necessary upon review of the assessment. Dr. Accardi, a psychiatrist, has been licensed in the Commonwealth since 1988. She is currently president and director of Nova Psychiatric Services in Quincy.

The Board reprimanded the medical license of Dr. Donald E. Berman, after it found in a Final Decision & Order, based on the parties’ Stipulation, that the Medical Quality Assurance Commission in the State of Washington had imposed informal discipline on Dr. Berman’s medical license for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline. Such conduct consisted of Dr. Berman failing to obtain consent of two female patients before performing a breast examination, failure to communicate his intentions to perform the examination and failing to offer a chaperone prior to the examination. Dr. Berman was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1980. Dr. Berman also currently holds active medical licenses in Connecticut, Indiana, New York and Ohio.

The Board also accepted Dr. Harvey C. Jenkins’ resignation of his inchoate right to renew his medical license. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Jenkins was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from May 12, 1999 until November 17, 2001. Dr. Jenkins last practiced medicine in Oklahoma.

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.