**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on May 2, 2019, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Atif B. Malik, M.D., Leslie Caraceni, M.D., Kenneth Serra, M.D., Steven M. Samuels, M.D., and Cathleen G. London, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended Dr. Atif B. Malik’s right to renew his medical license after finding that Dr. Malik poses a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Malik was convicted of multiple counts of violating the Anti-Kickback Act, as well as multiple acts of health care fraud. Dr. Malik was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June 2002 until October 2006. Dr. Malik has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Leslie Caraceni’s right to renew her license to practice medicine after the Board found that Dr. Caraceni was involved in fraudulent prescribing, aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine, her continued practice after her license had lapsed, as well as failing to respond to the Board’s investigation. Dr. Caraceni was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June 26, 2002 until she failed to renew her license on May 27, 2018.

In a Consent Order, the Board reprimanded Dr. Kenneth Serra after Dr. Serra agreed that he had been disciplined in Illinois where it was stipulated that a lawsuit was settled arising out of his interpretation of a patient’s ultrasound. Dr. Serra has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since August 2008. He currently practices teleradiology and is licensed to practice medicine in several states.

The Board also accepted the resignation of the license to practice medicine of Dr. Steven M. Samuels, as well as the resignation of Dr. Cathleen G. London’s right to renew her medical license. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine.

Dr. Samuels was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in May 1986. Dr. Samuels practiced medicine at Mercy Medical Center until February 2019.

Dr. London was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from October 1998 until August 2011. Dr. London is also licensed to practice medicine in New York and Maine.

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