**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on November 18, 2021, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Mrugeshkumar K. Shah, M.D. and Ata-Ollah Mehrtash, M.D.

The Board revoked Dr. Mrugeshkumar K. Shah’s right to renew his license to practice medicine after the Board found, in a Final Decision and Order, that Dr. Shah was convicted of Conspiracy to Pay and Receive Health Care Bribes and Kickbacks and Offering or Paying and Soliciting or Receiving Illegal Remuneration in violation of the Anti-Kickback statute. Dr. Shah was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from October 24, 2001 until he failed to renew his license on June 24, 2004. Dr. Shah last practiced medicine in Texas in 2016.

In another Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Ata-Ollah Mehrtash’s right to renew his medical license after finding that he had been disciplined by both the Medical Board of California and the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline, to wit, for committing gross negligence in the care of a patient and inaccurate record-keeping for that patient. Dr. Mehrtash was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from October 24, 1974 until April 23, 1979 when he did not renew his license. He last practiced medicine in California in 2018.

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 .