**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Theresa Cerulli, M.D. and Richard D. Chen, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended Dr. Theresa Cerulli’s medical license after finding that she poses a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. Dr. Cerulli has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Cerulli has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since November 20, 1996. Dr. Cerulli last practiced medicine in a private practice in North Andover.

The Board reprimanded Dr. Richard D. Chen’s license to practice medicine after he agreed in a Consent Order that he had been disciplined by the Medical Board of California for reasons substantially similar to those for which Massachusetts could impose discipline, to wit, for issuing medical exemptions for all school-required immunizations for three patients without appropriate indication or examination. A permanent restriction was imposed on Dr. Chen’s medical license which prohibits him from issuing vaccine exemptions. Dr. Chen is board-certified in family medicine. He was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on July 27, 1994. Dr. Chen currently practices functional medicine at a private practice in Petaluma, California. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Arizona, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania.

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 borimmediamassmail.state.ma.us.