**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on October 22, 2020, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Marcus P. Cooper, M.D., Ronald Grusd, M.D. and Jeffry Bucci, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Marcus P. Cooper’s license to practice medicine after the Board found that he had been criminally convicted of disorderly conduct and photographing an unsuspecting nude person. The Board further determined that Dr. Cooper’s conduct calls into question his ability to practice medicine, demonstrates that he lacks good moral character and constitutes conduct that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. Dr. Cooper was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on October 5, 2005. Until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board on October 27, 2015, he practiced medicine at UMass Memorial Medical Center Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Group.

In another Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Ronald Grusd’s right to renew his medical license after the Board found that he had been convicted of several crimes, including conspiracy to commit health care fraud and paying kickbacks for patient referrals in order to fraudulently bill insurance companies. Dr. Grusd was licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth from March 18, 1977 until May 6, 2015. He last practiced medicine at a private practice that he owned in Beverly Hills, California.

Finally, the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Jeffrey Bucci’s right to renew his license to practice medicine after the Board found that Dr. Bucci engaged in conducted that undermines the public confidence in the integrity of the medical profession. Dr. Bucci also admitted, among other things, repeatedly calling in sick and cancelling appointments, failure to follow up with patients and taking money from his practice, North Shore Psychiatric Center, in which he was a co-owner. The suspension of Dr. Bucci’s license was immediately stayed upon the Board approving Dr. Bucci’s lapsed license application and Dr. Bucci’s entry into a Probation Agreement which requires, among other provisions, on-going monitoring of Dr. Bucci’s practice of medicine. Dr. Bucci was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on February 4, 2009. Until he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine with the Board on October 25, 2016, Dr. Bucci practiced medicine at Boston Children’s Hospital in Waltham and Pediatric Healthcare Associates in Peabody, as well as at North Shore Psychiatric Center. He is also licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota.

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