**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on September 27, 2018, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Leslie C. Caraceni, M.D. and Benjamin Lee, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the right to renew the medical license of Dr. Leslie C. Caraceni after finding that she poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges, among other things, that Dr. Caraceni practiced medicine after her license lapsed. The Board also alleges Dr. Caraceni charged her patients a $400 intake fee and a $220 monthly doctor’s fee and directed staff to terminate patients who were unable to pay these fees. It is also alleged she abandoned her patients by not notifying them that she was closing her practice and not referring them to other providers. Dr. Caraceni has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days. Dr. Caraceni was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from June, 2002 until she failed to renew her license on May 27, 2018.

The Board also accepted the resignation of Dr. Benjamin Lee’s right to renew his license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Lee was licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts from November 1992 until his license expired in August 2005. Dr. Lee currently practices in Maryland.

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