

MESSAGE TO ALL MASSACHUSETTS NURSE PRACTITIONERS- **RE: COMPASS MEDICAL**

The Board of Registration in Nursing (“Board”) reminds nurse practitioners who have treated patients at Compass Medical of their responsibility to ensure continuity of care for their patients. This responsibility includes communicating with their patients in a timely manner and providing updated contact information throughout this time of transition so that care is not compromised in any way. Communication should include whether they have accepted a position at another location. Please consider addressing any referral or medication needs as well. Also please consider the appropriate method of communication (for example, if a patient is not an avid user of technology, relying on website announcements is unlikely to be an effective communication strategy for that patient).

Please note carefully, Board regulations prohibit a nurse from intentionally terminating any nurse/patient relationship without reasonable notice to the patient or patient's representative or in a manner that disrupts the patient's continuity of care. See 244 CMR 9.03(15) and 244 CMR 10.01.