

MESSAGE TO ALL MASSACHUSETTS PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS- **RE: COMPASS MEDICAL**

The Board of Registration of Physician Assistants reminds physician assistants 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, physician assistant practice standards require all physician assistants to follow certain procedures prior to discontinuing work with a patient including, providing a patient with adequate notice, offering to transfer records, and arranging for continuity of care if the patient has an ongoing medical condition.