COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 2020-02

INTERIM POLICY ON PRESCRIBING

April 2, 2020

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts in Executive Order No. 591, Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19. For the duration of this state of emergency, physicians in Massachusetts may, when necessary, self-prescribe. In addition, for the duration of this state of emergency, physicians may prescribe to a member of their own immediate families when necessary. This interim order supersedes any existing Board policy to the contrary for the duration of the state of emergency in Massachusetts.

All prescribing must be for a legitimate medical purpose, in the usual course of professional practice.