# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 25-01

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# RESIGNATIONS AND VOLUNTARY AGREEMENTS NOT TO PRACTICE

The Board of Registration in Medicine (Board) adopts this policy in order to streamline and facilitate acceptance, processing and timely implementation of certain Board actions relating to tendered Resignations and Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice.

1. Resignations. The Board Chair or his/her Board designee is authorized to accept Resignations under 243 CMR 1.05(5)(a) or (b), provided that the physician has one or more complaints pending at the time of tendering the resignation and the following conditions have been met:
   1. All patients or victims identified in any of the pending complaints have been notified of an opportunity to present a Victim Witness Impact Statement and none have submitted a written statement or expressed intent to provide an oral statement to the board; and
   2. There are no pending Recommended Decisions issued by the Division of Administrative Law Appeals with respect to any of the complaints.
2. Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice (VANP). The Board Chair or his/her Board designee is authorized to accept a VANP under Board Policy 2005-02, “Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice Medicine,” provided that the physician has one or more complaints pending at the time of signing the VANP and the Board Chair believes that facts alleged or information obtained in the investigation of the complaints, if true, present an immediate threat to public health, safety or welfare.
3. A Resignation or VANP accepted pursuant to this policy shall be effective as of the date of acceptance by the Board Chair or designee. A resignation or VANP accepted pursuant to this policy shall be set on the agenda of the next available regularly scheduled meeting of the full Board for ratification.
4. Nothing in this policy shall prevent the full Board from considering and approving a proposed Resignation or VANP that does not meet the criteria for streamlined acceptance under this policy.
5. Termination of an existing VANP. Board staff are authorized to terminate any existing VANP upon any final resolution of the complaints pending at the time that the physician signed the VANP.