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**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE HIRES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**(WAKEFIELD)**  Today the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine (BORIM) approved George Zachos as its new Executive Director. Zachos will officially begin his new role as the full-time executive director in March.

Currently, Zachos serves as the Chief of the Medicaid Fraud Division for the Massachusetts Attorney General’s Office, a position he has held since 2012. He also previously served as a staff attorney in the Medicaid Fraud Division for five years prior to his appointment as division chief. Zachos was recently elected and currently serves as the president of the National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units.

“This is an important day for BORIM,” said Candace Lapidus Sloane, M.D., Chair of the Board. “This most senior staff position is crucial to BORIM’s mission and after a careful process to find the most appropriate candidate we now have the best individual to lead BORIM.”

“George’s outstanding experience in public protection, health care, management and regulatory matters, made him our first choice to be BORIM’s next Executive Director, said Dr. Sloane.”

“I am eager to continue the great work already being done by the BORIM and its staff,” said George Zachos. “Together, we will continue to fulfill the Board’s mission to ensure physicians and the institutions where they practice provide high quality health care in the Commonwealth.”

Barbara A. Piselli was BORIM’s acting executive director until her retirement in July, 2015. BORIM thanks Piselli for her leadership and service. Rhonda T. Maloney, who has been acting executive director since Piselli’s retirement, will return to her role as General Counsel.

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](http://www.mass.gov/massmedboard), or you may contact Bridgette Sanders at (781) 876-8202.

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