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**GOVERNOR APPOINTS NEW MEMBER TO  
THE BOARD OF REGISTRATION MEDICINE**

**Boston** – Dr. Randy Ellen Wertheimer, M.D., of Boston, MA, a new appointee of Governor Jane Swift, was duly sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine on February 27, 2002 by Chief Secretary, Paul R. Jacobsen and Matthew Lebreton, Deputy Chief Secretary.

Dr. Wertheimer, Vice Chair of the Department of Family Medicine & Community Health at UMass Memorial Health Care, University of Massachusetts School of Medicine, is also an Associate Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health at UMass. Dr. Wertheimer, a 1977 graduate of Boston University School of Medicine, was featured in the American Hospital Association Publication as one of “The 50 Most Positive Doctors in America” in 1996. A past President of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians, she has won numerous awards for outstanding leadership in developing innovative service and teaching programs in the health care community. Dr. Wertheimer was the recipient of a three year Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grant, “Reach Out”, in the mid nineties, in her role as Chair of the Public Health Committee of the Worcester District Medical Society where she spearheaded an effort to develop physician driven initiatives to better care for the uninsured and underinsured in her community. She was appointed to the Board of Directors Foundation for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts in 2001.

The seven-member Board, five of whom are physicians, was created to protect public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and by ensuring that practitioners in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board licenses all physicians and investigates patient and consumer complaints. Board members serve for three-year terms.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created 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, holds hearings, and determines sanctions. More information about the Board is available at [www.massmedboard.org](http://www.massmedboard.org).

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