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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At a special meeting today, the State Board of Registration in Medicine summarily suspended the medical license of Joseph W. Dullea, M.D.

The Board alleges that Dr. Dullea administered, and permitted or enabled the administration of, medically unnecessary procedures on his children. The Board further alleges that Dr. Dullea issued prescriptions to his wife while not acting in the regular course of his practice of medicine, and that he filled prescriptions for his wife in a manner to avoid detection.

Summary suspension is a disciplinary action taken when, in the opinion of the Board, a physician poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare. Summary suspension immediately removes a physician from the practice of medicine. A physician has a right to a hearing before the state Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days to appeal a summary suspension.

Dr. Dullea is a 1990 graduate of the Boston University School of Medicine, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1993. He is a board certified pediatrician.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 30,000 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, holds hearings and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.massmedboard.org.

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