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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting yesterday, the State Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of two physicians: Lee R. Chartock, M.D. and Joseph Upton, III, M.D.

The Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Lee R. Chartock. Dr. Chartock is a 1985 graduate of Case Western Reserve School of Medicine, and was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1986. He is a board certified psychiatrist. Dr. Chartock's license was suspended by the Board in April 2004. His resignation of his license is a disciplinary action reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and it permanently removes him from the practice of medicine in Massachusetts.

The Board also accepted a voluntary agreement not to practice medicine from Dr. Joseph Upton, III. Dr. Upton is a 1970 graduate of Baylor College of Medicine, and was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts in 1977. He is board certified in plastic surgery and surgery of the hand.

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 about the Board is available at www.massmedboard.org.

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