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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Vernon S. Kellogg, M.D. and Stuart J. Brink, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the license to practice medicine of Dr. Vernon S. Kellogg. Summary suspension immediately removes a physician from practice, and is imposed when the Board concludes that the continued practice by a physician represents an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare. The Board alleges that Dr. Kellogg has unlawfully dispensed controlled substances, and has refused to comply with a Board subpoena for medical records and receipts of purchases of controlled substances. Dr. Kellogg is also alleged to have practiced medicine without malpractice insurance since 2004, and is further alleged to have hidden this fact from the Board and his employers. Dr. Kellogg is a 1972 graduate of the University of Vermont College of Medicine. He has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1975. The Board would like to acknowledge the assistance of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in the investigation of this matter.

In the matter of Dr. Stuart J. Brink, the Board reprimanded him, finding that Dr. Brink demonstrated a lack of sensitivity during his examinations of patients. The Board also strongly recommended that Dr. Brink take additional continuing medical education credits in the area of communicating with patients. Dr. Brink is a 1976 graduate of the University of Southern California School of Medicine. He is board certified in pediatric endocrinology, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1976.

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.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Copies of orders issued by the Board are available at (617) 654-9867, and in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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