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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION

BOSTON: At its meeting yesterday, the State Board of Registration in Medicine took action against the medical license of Richard J. Smayda, D.O.

The Board found that Dr. Richard J. Smayda engaged in conduct that undermines public confidence in the practice of medicine, and that he engaged in conduct which places into question his competence to practice medicine. In March 2005 he entered into an Agreement for Practice Restrictions that required him to have a female chaperone present whenever he saw female patients. Today the Board indefinitely suspended his license, pending his entry into a Probation Agreement that will incorporate the requirements of the Agreement for Practice Restrictions. At the time of this Agreement, Dr. Smayda was practicing on Cape Cod. Dr. Smayda is a 1996 graduate of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is board certified in Family Practice and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 2000.

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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