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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 Myria Evelyn Munoz, M.D., Ernest Osei-Tutu, M.D., Reinaldo De Los Heros, M.D. and Joseph Patrick Cobb, M.D.

The Board indefinitely suspended the license to practice medicine of Dr. Myria Evelyn Munoz, fined her \$5,000 and required her to take additional continuing medical education credits in the area of Medical Ethics. The Board found that Dr. Munoz had improperly accessed the medical records of an individual who was not her patient, and that Dr. Munoz disclosed confidential medical information to a third party. Further, Dr. Munoz failed to report to the Board a lawsuit against her brought by the individual whose records were accessed. The indefinite suspension was stayed upon Dr. Munoz's entry into a Consent Order accepting the above noted sanctions. Dr. Munoz is a 1985 graduate of the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She is board certified in Internal Medicine, and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1988.

In another matter, the Board reprimanded Dr. Joseph Patrick Cobb and fined him \$2,500. The Board found that Dr. Cobb practiced medicine for approximately two weeks after his license expired. Dr. Cobb is a 1990 graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology, and was first licensed in Massachusetts in 1995.

The Board reprimanded Dr. Ernest Osei-Tutu, finding that he practiced medicine after his license expired for a period of three days in 2005. He has not practiced medicine in Massachusetts since that time. The Board also found that Dr. Osei-Tutu had previously admitted to sufficient facts to find that he committed assault and battery against his domestic partner, and was placed on probation. The case was ultimately dismissed. Dr. Osei-Tutu is a 1984 graduate of Jefferson

Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1992.

Finally, the Board reprimanded Dr. Reinaldo De Los Heros for failing to disclose discipline by the medical board of North Carolina and license restrictions imposed by the medical board of Maine. He also failed to disclose an investigation by the DEA related to his application for a federal drug license. Dr. De Los Heros had pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud in 1997, and his Massachusetts license was revoked at that time. He was reinstated in 2006. Dr. De Los Heros is a 1975 graduate of the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine. He is board certified in Psychiatry and Neurology, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1978.

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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