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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 Suzanne B. Rothchild, M.D.

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 (DALA) within seven days to appeal a summary suspension. DALA is a separate state agency that rules on matters of administrative law arising from state agency actions.

The Board has alleged that Dr. Rothchild provided substandard care to several patients, and has previously issued two Statements of Allegations against Dr. Rothchild. Those cases are currently pending before a DALA Administrative Magistrate. During the pendency of DALA's consideration of these cases, however, the Board became aware of another incident involving a patient of Dr. Rothchild, and today concluded that Dr. Rothchild should be removed from practice immediately. A DALA Magistrate will make findings of fact after a full evidentiary hearing on the Board's allegations.

Dr. Rothchild is a 1973 graduate of the SUNY Downstate Medical Center. She is board certified in Obstetrics & Gynecology and Maternal & Fetal Medicine, and has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1976. Dr. Rothchild practices at Winchester Hospital.

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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