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STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE ACCEPTS AGREEMENT

BOSTON: At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine accepted a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice from Dr. Kayoko Kifuji, M.D.

Dr. Kifuji is a 1981 graduate of Tokyo Women's Medical College, and is board certified in Pediatrics and Psychiatry, including a subspecialty certification in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. She has been licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts since 1999, and practices at Tufts New England Medical Center Hospitals.

Voluntary Agreements Not to Practice are one tool available to the Board to ensure the safety of the public during the pendency of an investigation. By definition they are entered into by a physician voluntarily, in negotiation with the Board. Under such Agreements, physicians agree to cease their practice of medicine immediately. Voluntary Agreements are appreciated by the Board as a sign of cooperation on the part of a physician, and acknowledges that physician's willingness to reassure the public while the Board has the opportunity to investigate a pending matter. The Agreement entered into by Dr. Kifuji will remain in effect until further order of the Board.

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:

Dr. Kifuji's attorney contact info: Jay Carney, Carney & Bassil, 617-338-5566
A copy of the Voluntary Agreement is attached.

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