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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 Louis F. Alfano, Jr., M.D., Peter Orlov, M.D. and Charles C. Canver, M.D.

The Board summarily suspended the medical license of Dr. Louis F. Alfano. Summary suspension is a disciplinary action taken when the Board determines that a physician poses an immediate and serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare. Summary suspensions immediately remove a physician from the practice of medicine. A physician has a right to a hearing before the state Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days to appeal a summary suspension. Dr. Alfano has been in a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice with the Board since September 2006. The current agreement expires on January 24, 2007. Today the Board alleged that Dr. Alfano's care of three patients was substandard. Dr. Alfano is a 1981 graduate of the University of Guadalajara Faculty of Medicine, and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1983. He is a board certified surgeon.

The Board found that Dr. Peter Orlov failed to respond to a patient's phone calls and did not properly terminate his physician-patient relationship with the patient. The board further found that Dr. Orlov repeatedly failed to respond to Board requests for information regarding this matter. Today the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Orlov's license to practice medicine. The suspension was stayed immediately upon Dr. Orlov's agreement to seek a health assessment, and his entry into a Probation Agreement limiting his practice to Board-approved group settings and the assignment of a Board-approved clinical monitor. Dr. Orlov is a 1974 graduate of Albert Einstein College of Medicine at Yeshiva University. He is board certified in psychiatry and was first licensed to practice in Massachusetts in 1975. Dr. Orlov practices in Arlington.

In another matter, the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Charles C. Canver. Resignation is a disciplinary act that permanently removes a physician from practice. Dr. Canver is a 1981 graduate of Kayseri University in Turkey. He is board certified in surgery and thoracic surgery, and does not currently practice in Massachusetts.

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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