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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 license of Donna L. Mercado, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Mercado inappropriately prescribed non-narcotic controlled substances to family members who were not her patients. Today the Board reprimanded Dr. Mercado and required her to complete additional continuing medical education credits in the areas of medical ethics and prescribing. Dr. Mercado is a 1986 graduate of Brown University School of Medicine. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and has been licensed to practice in Massachusetts since 1993.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 32,000 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: Copies of Board orders are available at (781) 876-8267, and in .pdf form on the Board's website at <http://www.massmedboard.org/public/discipline.shtm>.

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