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**STATE BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

**WAKEFIELD:** At its meeting today the state Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical license of Steven Covici, M.D.

The Board found that Dr. Covici practiced medicine while impaired by substance use. Today the Board indefinitely suspended Dr. Covici's license to practice medicine. The suspension was immediately stayed upon Dr. Covici's entry into a Probation Agreement that provides for practice and substance use monitoring until 2016, restrictions on prescribing controlled substances and other conditions. Dr. Covici is a 1993 graduate of Northwestern University School of Medicine. He is board certified in Ophthalmology, and has been licensed in Massachusetts since 1998.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 38,000 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](http://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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