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Medical Examining Board to Meet November 18th in Marshfield

Madison, WI – The Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) will host a meeting of the Medical Examining Board on Wednesday, November 18th beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the Robert Froehle Conference Center in the Laird Center for Medical Research at the Marshfield Clinic, 1000 North Oak Ave., Marshfield.

All healthcare providers, as well as the general public, are encouraged to attend the meeting and see firsthand how this licensing and regulatory body works. “Holding this type of meeting outside Madison is part of a broader effort to make the work of licensing and regulatory boards more visible and accessible to the people of the state,” said DRL Secretary Celia Jackson.

The meeting will include a discussion of the new Medical Examining Board Bureau which was approved by the Governor and Legislature in the 2009-2011 state budget. The new bureau in the Department of Regulation and Licensing will provide additional resources to handle credentialing and enforcement demands in the medical professions.

The board will also discuss:

- Proposed content and format for a new annual report it will begin publishing in January 2011.
- Reporting requirements for facilities when they have a change in privileges of one of their employees who is credentialed by the MEB.
- Issues related to exam requirements for new applicants.

The Medical Examining Board consists of 12 members. The board is responsible for overseeing the licensing and practice of medical professionals, including acting where needed to discipline individuals who act improperly in the practice of their profession. The board includes two public members in addition to 10 physician members.

About The Department of Regulation and Licensing:

The Department of Regulation and Licensing, and related professional boards, license and regulate 128 different types of credentials in 57 professional fields. The Department issues over 50,000 new credentials and renews approximately 350,000 credential holders each biennium. The agency also provides centralized administrative services to 64 boards, councils, and advisory committees. The Department of Regulation and Licensing protects the citizens of Wisconsin by ensuring the safe and competent practice of licensed professionals through regulation, education, experience, examination, practice standards, and compliance.