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Medical Board of California appoints new interim executive director

Sacramento – The Medical Board of California announces the appointment of Kimberly Kirchmeyer as its new interim executive director. Ms. Kirchmeyer has been with the Medical Board since 1999, and in the position of deputy director since 2005. In June 2009, Ms. Kirchmeyer left the Medical Board for two years and served as deputy director of Board and Bureau Relations for the Department of Consumer Affairs. She returned to the Medical Board in June 2009 in her prior position as deputy director.

Kimberly Kirchmeyer succeeds Linda Whitney, former executive director of the Medical Board, who retired this month after 37 years of state service. Ms. Kirchmeyer begins her new position immediately.

"The Medical Board has confidence that Ms. Kirchmeyer has the ability and experience to provide the leadership necessary as the Board pursues its ambitious agenda of consumer protection", said Board President Dr. Sharon Levine.

An executive recruitment and search committee is working with the Department of Consumer Affairs to ensure that Ms. Whitney's replacement will continue the high standards and dedication to its consumer protection mission.

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect health care consumers through proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and, to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing and regulatory functions.

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