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Physician Profile System provides greater transparency to the public

DENVER – The Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) and the Colorado State Board of Medical Examiners (“Board”), which regulates physician practice in Colorado, is pleased to announce the launching of a new online tool called the Physician Profile Web Lookup. The tool is based on legislation that was enacted into law by the Colorado General Assembly, known as the Michael Skolnik Medical Transparency Act (“the Transparency Act”). The effective date of the Transparency Act was January 1, 2008. The Transparency Act requires that any person whose application for a medical license or for reactivation or reinstatement of an existing license is received by the Board on or after January 1, 2008 must provide detailed information, including but not limited to felony convictions, actions taken by other medical boards and hospitals, malpractice claim information, as well as board certifications and business ownership and employment information. The remaining 16,000 Colorado licensed physicians, who held a license prior to January 1, 2008, must provide an online profile at the time they renew their license between April and July of 2009.

Until now, physicians have been submitting their profile information in a paper form. However, effective July 3rd, all profile information is now available on-line at www.dora.state.co.us/medical.

“The Physician Profile System will help consumers make more informed decisions about the physicians who treat them and their families,” said Rico Munn, Executive Director for DORA. “The physician profile system provides the increased transparency the public is demanding without being overly burdensome to the physician,” said Medical Board President, Patrick Faricy, MD.

DORA is dedicated to preserving the integrity of the marketplace and is committed to promoting a fair and competitive business environment in Colorado. Consumer protection is our mission.

