Amy Dorminey, Board Secretary  
Alabama Board of Medical Examiners  
P.O. Box 946  
Montgomery, AL 36101-0946

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M. Victoria Marx, MD, FSIR
President
Debora J. Stovern, CMBE, Executive Administrator  
Alaska State Medical Board  
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Anchorage, AK 99501-3567  

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Paula E. Martinez, Program Director  
Colorado Medical Board  
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Denver, CO 80202-5140

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Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline  
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Dover, DE 19904

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President
LaSharn Hughes, MBA, Interim Executive Director
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Atlanta, GA 30303-3465

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President
Ahlani K. Quiogue, Executive Officer
Hawaii Medical Board
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Honolulu, HI 96813

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M. Victoria Marx, MD, FSIR
President
George Zachos, JD, Executive Director  
Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine  
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Wakefield, MA 01880-3238

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M. Victoria Marx, MD, FSIR
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Stephen J. Boese, Executive Secretary  
New York State Board for Medicine  
89 Washington Avenue  
2nd Floor, West Wing  
Albany, NY 12234

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A.J. Groeber, Executive Director
State Medical Board of Ohio
30 E. Broad St.
3rd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215-6127

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Sheridon H. Spoon, Esq., Administrator
South Carolina Board of Medical Examiners
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Columbia, SC 29210-8432

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Utah Physicians & Surgeons Licensing Board
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Wisconsin Medical Examining Board  
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