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Federation of State Medical Boards Announces Former President as Interim CEO

Dr. Barbara S. Schneidman

DALLAS – The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) announced today the appointment of Barbara S. Schneidman, M.D., M.P.H., as its Interim President and Chief Executive Officer. Dr. Schneidman currently is Vice President of Medical Education at the American Medical Association and prior to that was the Associate Vice President of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) from 1993-1998. She will assume her new position at the FSMB full time on Jan. 1, 2009, while the FSMB Board of Directors conducts a national search for a permanent President/CEO.

Dr. Schneidman is recognized as an international expert on medical licensure and brings a long and rich history with the FSMB to her new role. She served as the organization's 70th president in 1991-1992 and more recently chaired the FSMB Impaired Physician's Task Force, which produced two policy documents on physician impairment. She is currently a member of the FSMB's Work Group on Education of Medical Students and Residents on Professionalism & the Relationship to Licensure and Regulation. She previously served as a member of the FSMB Board of Directors and as a member of the Washington State Board of Medical Examiners.

"We are so fortunate to have someone with Dr. Schneidman's reputation and experience to lead the FSMB during this time of transition," said Regina M. Benjamin, MD, MBA, chair of the FSMB. "Her executive management skills, as well as her proven commitment to our mission, allow her to hit the ground running."

"Medicine is changing so rapidly, and FSMB has one of the most important roles in making sure that the regulatory system keeps pace with those changes," said Dr. Schneidman. "I have deep respect for the FSMB staff and am eager to work with them in a new capacity."

In addition to her current position at the AMA, Dr. Schneidman holds the position of associate professor of clinical psychiatry and behavioral sciences at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago. Dr. Schneidman is a board certified psychiatrist. She is a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, fellow of the

American College of Psychiatrists (ACP) and a newly appointed director of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. She chaired the Psychiatry Residency in Training Examination (PRITE) Commission is also a member of the ACP Board of Regents. Dr. Schneidman has been a member of the Illinois Psychiatric Society (IPS) since 1993 and has served as a member of the Fellowship Committee as well as serving as a councilor since 2003. She was elected secretary of the IPS in 2005.

Dr. Schneidman is a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School and underwent training as an intern at Providence Hospital in Seattle. Following her internship, Dr. Schneidman received her Masters in Public Health from the University of Washington School of Public Health and completed her residency in psychiatry at the University of Washington. She practiced psychiatry in Seattle and was a clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the University Of Washington School of Medicine before joining the ABMS.

The Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB) is a national not-for-profit organization representing the 70 medical boards of the United States and its territories. The FSMB's mission is to continuously improve the quality, safety and integrity of health care by developing and promoting high standards for physician licensure and practice. Visit our website at www.fsmb.org.

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