PUBLIC RETRACTION

From time to time and as part of its duty to protect public health, the Department of Health conducts inspections of health care providers. The Department of Health takes this responsibility very seriously; however, facts have come to light in a particular case that deserve public acknowledgment and reflection. Specifically, the Department of Health would like to apologize to Dr. Paul Matrullo for the disservice and inconveniences caused to him, his associates, and his patients in connection with the inspection of their dental facility in March 2013 as no formal findings, violations or adverse actions resulted in this matter. In the spirit of cooperation, the parties have mutually agreed to settle all claims, allegations, and pending complaints between them.

The Department of Health recognizes that best practices evolve and require a willingness to continually review the standards under which they operate and expectations for health care providers. They are pursuing a cooperative environment between regulators and practitioners that will result in better and more robust public health outcomes for Rhode Islanders.